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Bendis is doing some of his best team-related work on this series, giving us a team of unrepentant psychopaths and setting them loose (well, not loose, but barely controlled by a maniac) upon the Marvel Universe."
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DARK AVENGERS...DISAPPEAR!

The wild-eyed Owen Reese is a detached personality with galaxy-shattering power at his command, a meek little man who just wants to be left alone in the lonely landscapes of Dinosaur, Colorado. Norman Osborn is the Iron Patriot, leader of the Dark Avengers, a strong-willed enforcer with a streak of madness who just wants America under his boot heel. But when the Molecule Man and the Iron Patriot meet, one's gotta be the loser — and that means Osborn and his Dark Avengers!

Featuring the reckoning between Ares and his son's other father figure, Nick Fury; the secrets behind the powers of the Sentry; and the true nature of the madness behind the mask of the Iron Patriot!

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Dark Avengers

Norman Osborn, former Thunderbolts leader, has risen to power and was appointed to replace Tony Stark as head of the national PEACEKEEPING TASK FORCE, H.A.M.M.E.R., which includes his own team of Avengers.

They're a gathering of controversial figures that Norman has given the iconic likenesses of many of the famous Avengers, as well as the secret identities that go with them. Joining former Mighty Avengers Ares and Sentry are the assassin Bullseye, now Hawkeye; reformed criminal Moonstone, now Ms. Marvel; Wolverine's disturbed son Daken, now Wolverine; Venom has been transformed into a new Spider-Man; Kree warrior Marvel Boy took on the mantle of Captain Marvel; and Norman unveiled his new identity…
The Iron Patriot.

Norman is also trying to help the powerful Sentry deal with his demons
while he continues to deal with his own.

With Nick Fury out of power, Norman has taken over as top cop of the world. Fury has gone underground and assembled a group of teenage Secret Warriors including Ares' son Alex aka Phobos the god of fear.

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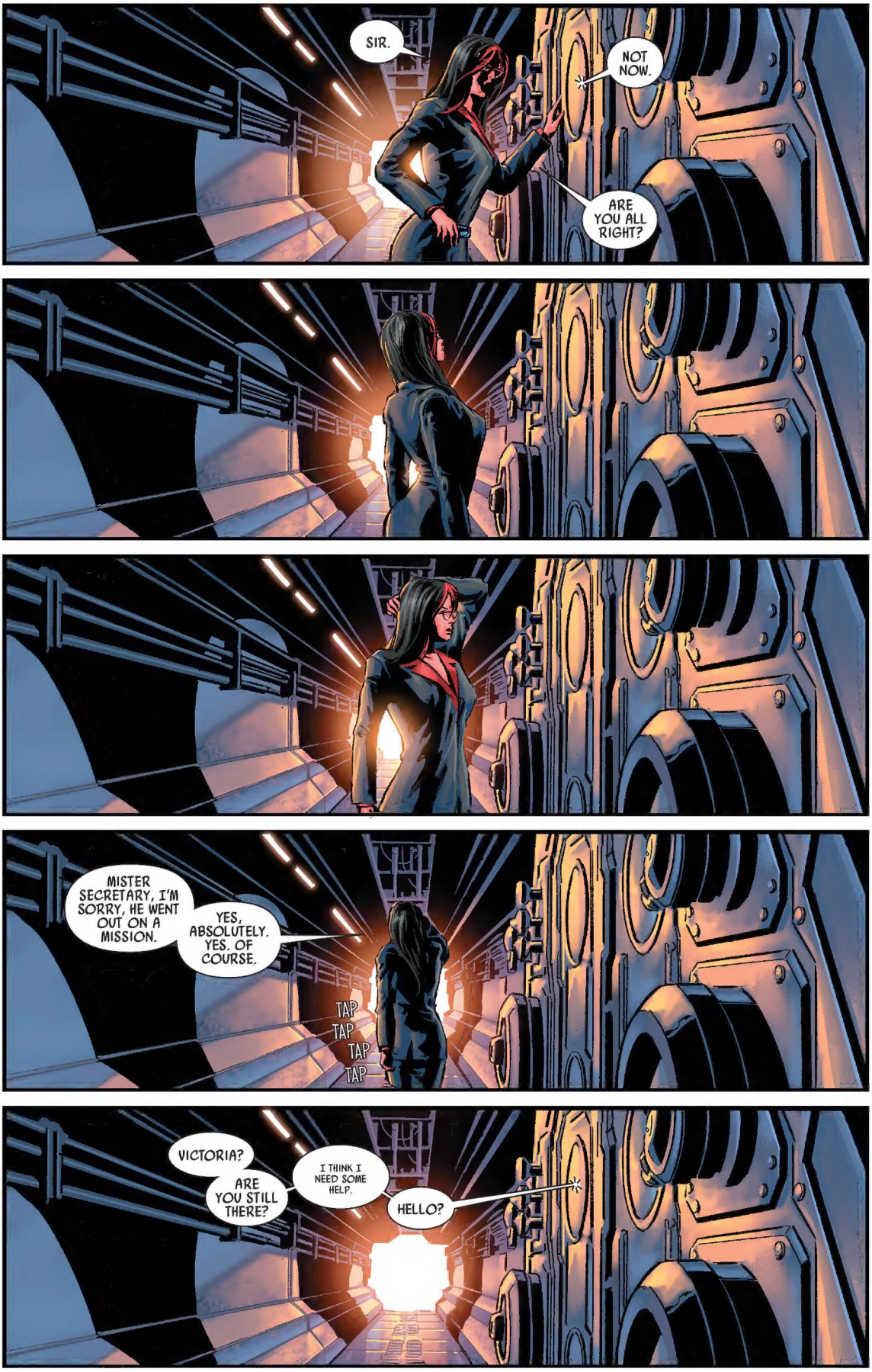
ARE YOU STILL WITH ME, MISTER SECRETARY? OKAY. GOOD.
I'M HEADING TO MISTER OSBORN'S WORKSHOP NOW.
THE RECEPTION DOWN HERE SOMETIMES CAN BE--
TAP TAP TAP
BEEP
VOICE IDENTIFICATION.
VICTORIA HAND.
DOOR ACCESS DENIED.
ACCESS DE--?
DIRECTOR OSBORN? SIR?
SIR? I HAVE THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ON THE LINE.
HE SAYS HE REALLY NEEDS TO SPEAK TO YOU.


SIR.
NOT NOW.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
MISTER SECRETARY, I'M SORRY, HE WENT OUT ON A MISSION.
YES, ABSOLUTELY. YES. OF COURSE.
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
VICTORIA?
ARE YOU STILL THERE?
I THINK I NEED SOME HELP.
HELLO?

THE BRONX.
ALEXANDER!
BOY!
TIME FOR SCHOOL.

WE ARE STILL SIFTING THROUGH THE STARTLING EVENTS OF THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS, BUT HERE'S WHAT WE DO KNOW...
...NORMAN OSBORN AND HIS TEAM OF AVENGERS HAVE DRAWN A HARD LINE IN THE SAND IN REGARDS TO MUTANT RIGHTS--
NO PUBLIC OFFICIAL HAS PUT HIS OR HER FOOT DOWN ON THE MUTANT DILEMMA AS STRONGLY AS OSBORN...
...AND WE WILL SEE WHAT THE LONG-TERM FALLOUT IS.
WHAT?
I--I SAW YOU. YOU WERE THERE. ON TV.
AYE. THE AVENGERS WERE CALLED.
WE BESTED THEM IN BATTLE.
ASK YOUR QUESTION, BOY.
WAS--WAS IT THE RIGHT THING TO DO?
THIS THING WITH THE MUTANTS?
YES.
HOW DO YOU KNOW?

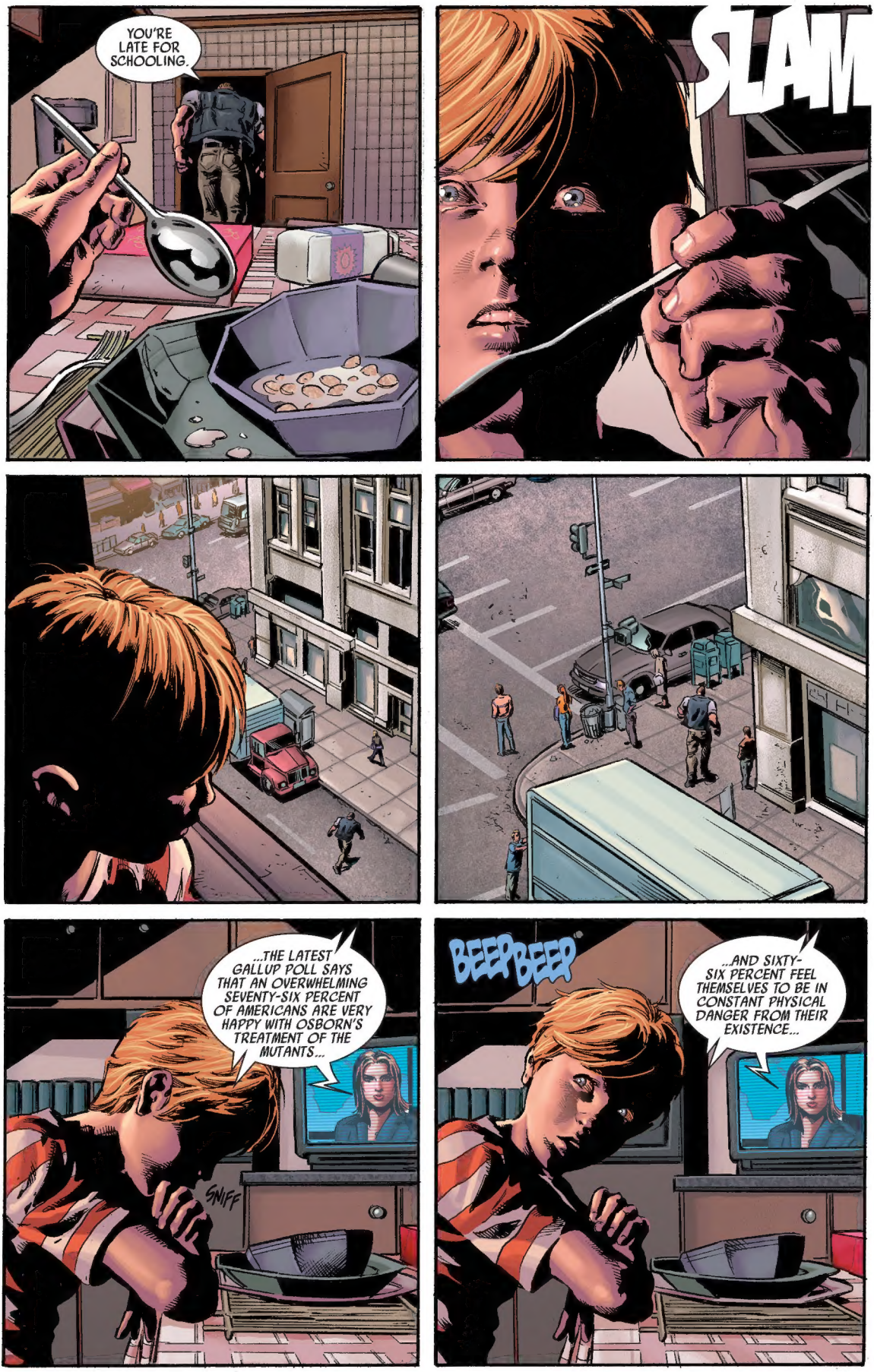
BECAUSE I'M OLDER AND WISER THAN YOU, LITTLE BOY.
ON TV IT SAYS...
WHAT?
NEVER MIND.
SPEAK AS A MAN.
ON THE TV IT SAYS WHAT?

THIS NORMAN OSBORN.
HE--SOME PEOPLE THINK HE'S SOME KIND OF MONSTER.

HA!
YOU SHOULD MEET YOUR GRANDFATHER.
ARE YOU SURE HE'S THE RIGHT PERSON TO BE--TO BE WORKING WITH?
YES!
BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW?

CRASH

I TOLD YOU!!


YOU'RE LATE FOR SCHOOLING.
SLAM
...THE LATEST GALLUP POLL SAYS THAT AN OVERWHELMING SEVENTY-SIX PERCENT OF AMERICANS ARE VERY HAPPY WITH OSBORN'S TREATMENT OF THE MUTANTS...
SNIFF
BEEP BEEP
...AND SIXTY-SIX PERCENT FEEL THEMSELVES TO BE IN CONSTANT PHYSICAL DANGER FROM THEIR EXISTENCE...

HEY, KIDDO.
HEY, DAISY.
YOU OKAY?
TIRED.
SHALL WE DANCE?
WHERE WE GOIN'?
NEW CLUBHOUSE. HOLD TIGHT.
ANOTHER NEW ONE?
IT'S THE GAME WE'RE PLAYIN'.

DID YOU SEE WHAT HAPPENED IN SAN FRANCISCO?
YEAH.
THAT @#$% DRIVES ME NUTS.
ARE WE GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?
DUNNO.
WE'LL SEE.

FURY SAFEHOUSE 7, SOHO.
HOME OF THE SECRET WARRIORS.

YOU HAVE GOT TO BE @#$ KIDDING ME, FURY.

REMEMBER THE PART WHERE I TOLD YOU: YOU DO WHAT I SAY?

TODAY I SAY YOU *READ*.

YOU READ THESE INTEL REPORTS ON THE HISTORY OF ADVANCED IDEA MECHANICS.

YOU READ ABOUT THEIR ON-AGAIN OFF-AGAIN RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ONCE-GREAT HYDRA.

BUT--

AND YOU DO THIS BECAUSE THERE IS INFORMATION IN HERE THAT WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE IN THE FIELD.

I'M GETTING A HEADACHE JUST LISTENING TO YOU *DESCRIBE* THIS.

YOU'RE TURNING INTO A SPY NERD, DAISY.

IT'S NOT BORING. IT'S FASCINATING, ACTUALLY.

SO WHY DON'T YOU READ IT AND TELL US THE HIGHLIGHTS.

YOU CAN ALWAYS GO BACK TO SCHOOL AND LEARN HOW TO TAKE YOUR--

PING

INTRUDER.

SON OF A BITCH.
WHO IS THAT?
THE KID'S FATHER.
OH @#$%. AND BY KID'S FATHER YOU MEAN...
OH NO.
WHAT IS THAT? IS THAT AN *AXE?*
IT'S NOT JUST AN AXE. IT WAS GIVEN TO HIM BY ZEUS.
NO @#$%.
HOLD ON TO YOUR BUTTS.
ARES. THE @#$% GOD OF WAR?
HE MUST HAVE FOLLOWED US.
YA THINK?
I--I DIDN'T SEE HIM.
HOW COULD YOU MISS *THAT* GUY!!?? THAT *ENTIRE* GUY??
OH MAN...

WELL, HOLY HELL!
HELLFIRE, DON'T--!
SHOOWACK
SMACK
YEAH... THAT MEANS STAND DOWN.

AIM
YOU'RE NICK FURY.
YEAH. WE MET ONCE.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING DOWN HERE? WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH MY SON?
TRAINING.
FOR WHAT?
TO FIGHT BACK.
THIS IS WHAT YOU DO ALL DAY? THIS IS WHAT YOU DO WHEN I'M OUT?
THE--THE WORLD'S KIND OF A MESS.

KIDS.

GO IN THE OTHER ROOM. GROWN-UP TALK.

ALL OF YOU.

WHY MY SON? WHY *HIM?*

HE'S AN AMAZING KID. WITH AMAZING POWERS.

IN THE SHORT TIME I'VE KNOWN HIM, YOU SHOULD ***SEE*** WHAT HE'S ACCOMPLISHED.

BUT HE NEEDS ***TRAINING***. SO I CAME TO HIM.

THE POTENTIAL FOR HIM...IT'S--I DON'T EVEN HAVE THE WORDS TO DESCRIBE IT.

I--

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO RAISE HIM.

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO TALK TO HIM.

I DON'T KNOW--WHAT TO TALK ABOUT.

MY FATHER, AND HIS FATHER BEFORE HIM--THAT IS WHAT I KNOW.

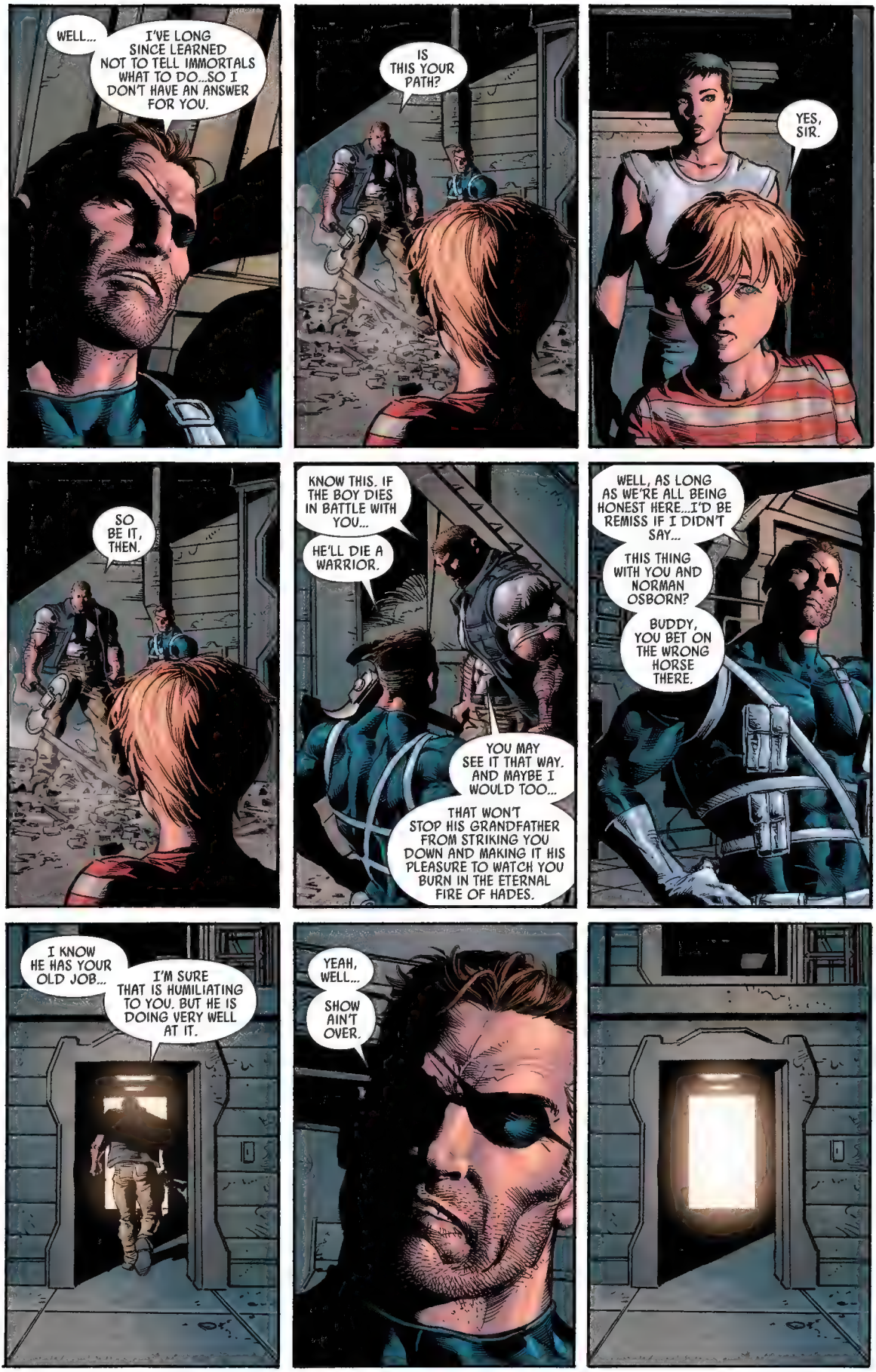
I WANT HIM--I WANT HIM TO SEE THIS WORLD DIFFERENTLY THAN I HAVE BEEN TAUGHT TO SEE IT.

MY FATHER--I HAD TO FLEE HIS COURT TO FIND MY WAY.

I DON'T WANT THE BOY TO RUN FROM ME SO HE CAN FIND HIS.

BUT I CAN SEE--IF I TAKE HIM FROM YOU NOW--I KNOW HE WILL.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

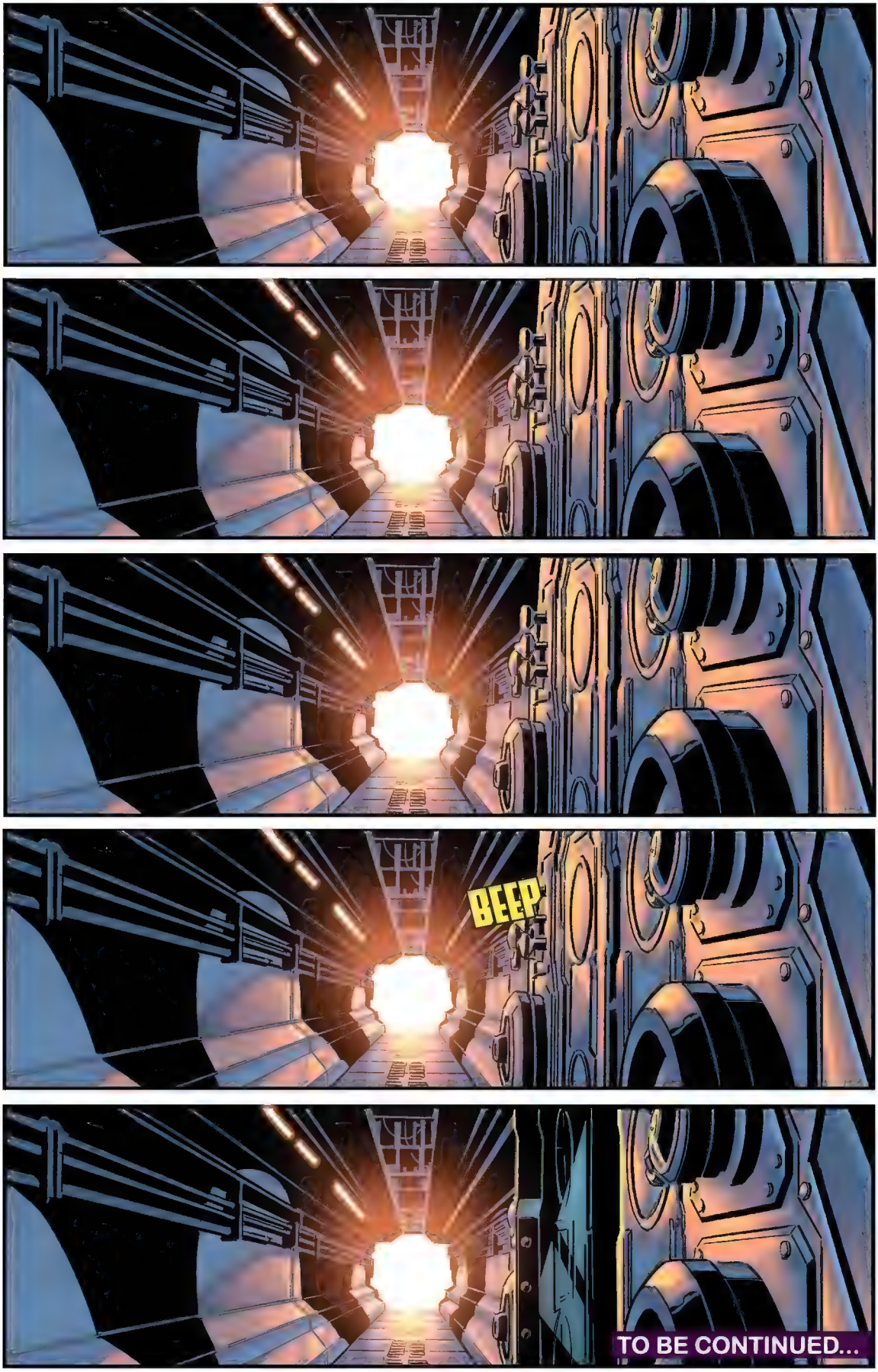

WELL...
I'VE LONG SINCE LEARNED NOT TO TELL IMMORTALS WHAT TO DO...SO I DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER FOR YOU.
IS THIS YOUR PATH?
YES, SIR.
SO BE IT, THEN.
KNOW THIS. IF THE BOY DIES IN BATTLE WITH YOU...
HE'LL DIE A WARRIOR.
YOU MAY SEE IT THAT WAY. AND MAYBE I WOULD TOO...
THAT WON'T STOP HIS GRANDFATHER FROM STRIKING YOU DOWN AND MAKING IT HIS PLEASURE TO WATCH YOU BURN IN THE ETERNAL FIRE OF HADES.
WELL, AS LONG AS WE'RE ALL BEING HONEST HERE...I'D BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T SAY...
THIS THING WITH YOU AND NORMAN OSBORN?
BUDDY, YOU BET ON THE WRONG HORSE THERE.
I KNOW HE HAS YOUR OLD JOB...
I'M SURE THAT IS HUMILIATING TO YOU. BUT HE IS DOING VERY WELL AT IT.
YEAH, WELL...
SHOW AIN'T OVER.

WOW!
THAT IS YOUR DAD?
YOU CAN STAY, ALEX!! THIS IS SO COOL. NO MORE SNEAKING AROUND.
PACK IT UP! THIS PLACE IS BURNT.
MY--NO. MY DAD WOULD NEVER TELL OSBORN WHERE WE ARE.
THAT COULD BE TRUE. BUT THIS IS THE BIG WORLD OF INTERNATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. OSBORN HAS PSYCHICS.
BECAUSE I DID. AND WHAT YOUR DAD DON'T HAVE IN HIS HEAD HE CAN'T ACCIDENTALLY GIVE AWAY.
HOW DO YOU KNOW?
GOT IT.
PACK YOUR @#$%, KID.
MMMHAPPENED?
YOU JUST BATTLED THE GOD OF WAR AND LIVED TO TALK ABOUT IT, HELLFIRE. SO YOU HAD A GOOD DAY.
AND YOU: EYES IN THE BACK OF YOUR HEAD. ALWAYS.
YES SIR.
ALWAYS.
YES SIR.
BECAUSE THAT COULD HAVE EASILY GONE IN AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT DIRECTION.
YES SIR.

AVENGERS TOWER.
SO THEN I CUT OFF HIS HAND!
WHOSE HAND?
BULL.
THAT DEADPOOL @#$%.
I DID.
WITH WHAT?
WITH THESE.
WELL, SURE. THAT'LL DO IT.
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU, DAKEN.
I DON'T CARE.
YOU CUT OFF HIS HANDS?
GOOD. THAT GUY IS ANNOYING.
HE THINKS HE'S HILARIOUS.
LIKE SPIDER-MAN. "OH HO! I'M SO FUNNY!"
SPIDER-MAN'S KIND OF FUNNY.
UH, NOT REALLY.
IF YOU'RE IN THE MOOD FOR IT.
EVERY TIME I HEAR A GUY PRATTLE ON LIKE THAT WITH THOSE STUPID JOKES, ALL I CAN THINK OF IS THAT HE MUST HAVE A REALLY SMALL--
WELL, THEN, I'M NEVER IN THE MOOD FOR IT.
CAPTAIN CRAZY IS BACK.
OH, I THOUGHT YOU MEANT OSBORN.
VICKY, DARLING, WHAT'S THE OVER UNDER ON WHEN THE SENTRY'S GOING TO FINALLY CRACK AND KILL US ALL WITHOUT REALIZING HE'S DONE IT?
THE SENTRY IS FINE. EVERYTHING IS FINE.
EVERYTHING IS FINE.

LINDY?
GOOD MORNING, MASTER ROBERT. WOULD YOU LIKE A HAMBURGER?
WHERE'S LINDY, CLOC?
BEHIND YOU.
LINDY? WHERE'D YOU GET THAT?
THE ALIEN WHO WAS LIVING DOWNSTAIRS.
IT'S A GUN FROM ANOTHER PLANET.
AND YOU WANT TO SHOOT ME WITH IT?
YOU'RE INSANE, BOB. YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR MIND.
YOU WON'T LET ME GO. AND I CAN'T STOP YOU.
NOTHING ON EARTH CAN STOP YOU.
LINDY, I THOUGHT WE TALKED ABOUT ALL--
SHAPOW

YOU GUYS HEAR THAT?
HEAR WHAT?
PROBABLY NOTHING.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TO BE CONTINUED...

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Dark Avengers

PREVIOUSLY IN THE DARK AVENGERS...

NORMAN OSBORN, FORMER THUNDERBOLTS LEADER, HAS RISEN TO POWER AND WAS APPOINTED TO REPLACE TONY STARK AS HEAD OF THE NATIONAL PEACE KEEPING TASKFORCE H.A.M.M.E.R., WHICH INCLUDES HIS OWN TEAM OF AVENGERS.

THEY'RE A GATHERING OF CONTROVERSIAL FIGURES THAT NORMAN HAS GIVEN THE ICONIC LIKENESSES OF MANY OF THE FAMOUS AVENGERS, AS WELL AS THE SECRET IDENTITIES THAT GO WITH THEM. JOINING FORMER MIGHTY AVENGERS ARES AND SENTRY ARE THE ASSASSIN BULLSEYE, NOW HAWKEYE; REFORMED CRIMINAL MOONSTONE, NOW MS. MARVEL; WOLVERINE'S DISTURBED SON DAKEN, NOW WOLVERINE; VENOM HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO A NEW SPIDER-MAN; KREE WARRIOR MARVEL BOY TOOK ON THE MANTLE OF CAPTAIN MARVEL, AND NORMAN UNVEILED HIS NEW IDENTITY...THE IRON PATRIOT.

NORMAN IS ALSO TRYING TO HELP THE POWERFUL SENTRY DEAL WITH HIS DEMONS WHILE HE CONTINUES TO DEAL WITH HIS OWN...

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I THINK I SHOULD CALL HIM AND TELL HIM I LEFT TOWN.
NO, I SHOULD.
ABSOLUTELY NOT.
HE CHEATED ON YOU.
BUT--
WHERE THE HELL ARE WE?
OH, UH, DINOSAUR, COLORADO, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
I DON'T EVEN CARE. I HAVE TO PEE.
AND PEE YOU SHALL.
Welcome to
DINOSAUR, COLORADO
Gateway to
DINOSAUR NATIONAL MONUMENT
511
TravelInfo
Dial 511

DINO BURGER
HUH.
LITTLE WEIRD.
LET'S JUST GAS UP AND GO.

DINGLE DING
UM...
HI. IS THERE A BATHROOM?

IN THE BACK.
CUSTOMERS ONLY.
WE'RE ORDERING.
DON'T CALL HIM!
SHUT UP.
YOU GOT COFFEE? WE'LL TAKE TWO. BLACK.
HOW MUCH?
GET OUT OF HERE.
DUDE.
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
WERE-- WERE YOU TALKING TO ME?
TWO COFFEES.
TWO DOLLARS.
IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?

HEY, IT'S ME.

WHEN YOU GET THIS YOU'LL KNOW I'VE LEFT TOWN AND LEFT YOU.

BOOP

AND I JUST WANT TO SAY I DON'T KNOW HOW GUYS LIKE YOU--

THE HELL IS THIS--?

AGGH!! EW!!

OW! AGH!!

AAAIIIEE!!

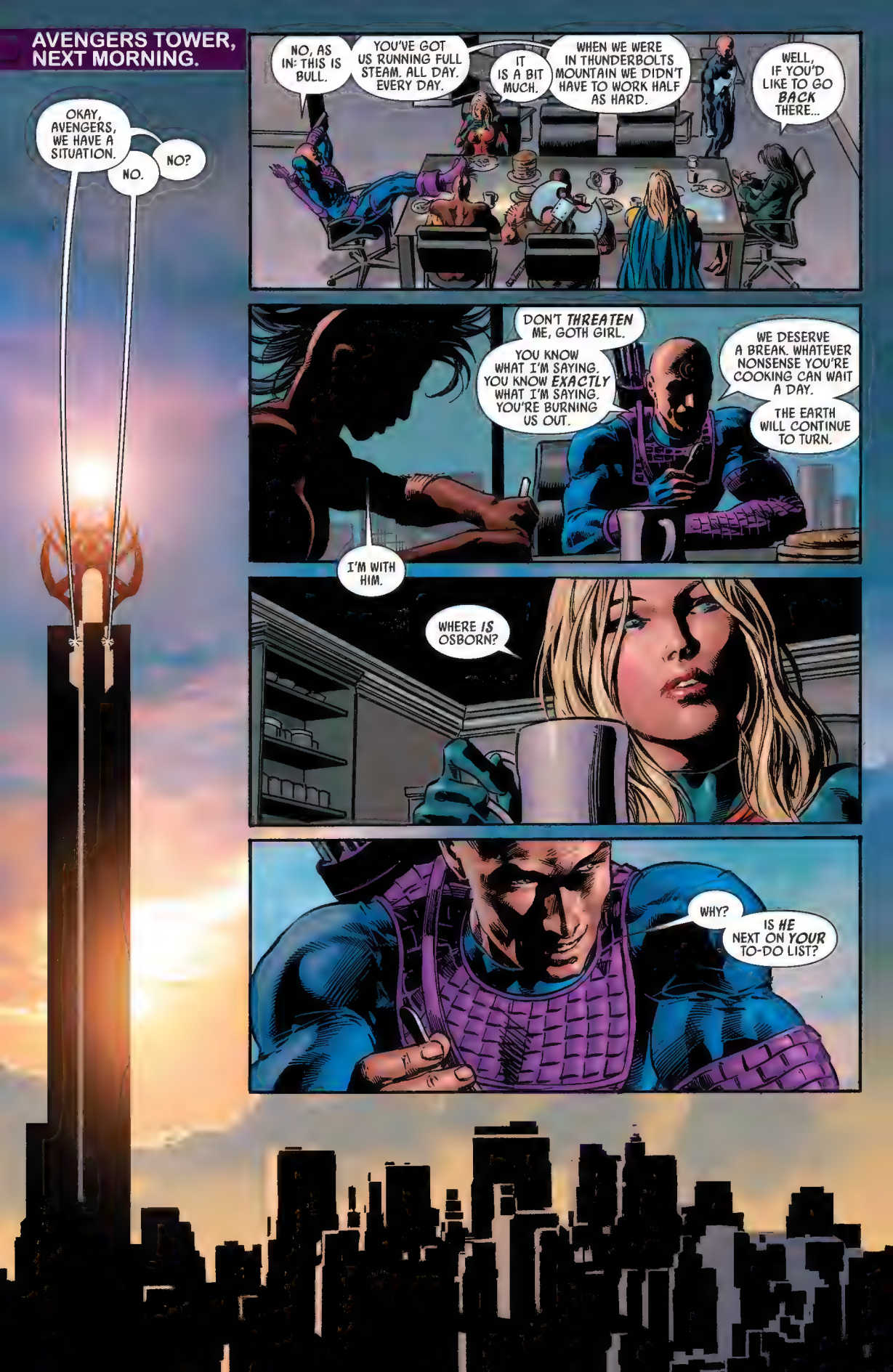
RONNIE!!

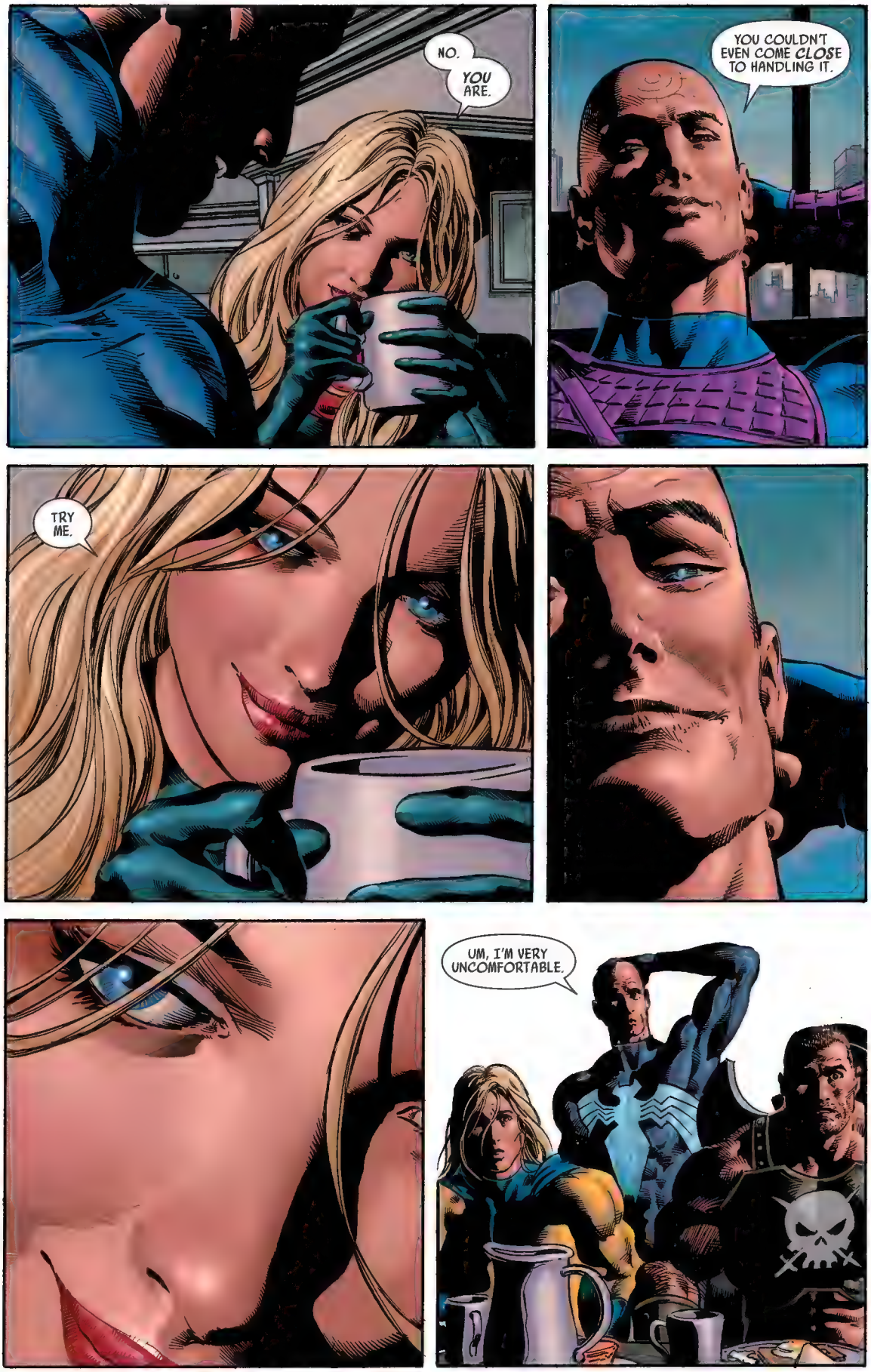
I TRIED TO TELL YOU.

DINO BURGER
AAAA!!
DINO BURGER
DINO BURGER
DINO BURGER
DINO BURGER

LOUISIANA BAYOU.
HHAA!

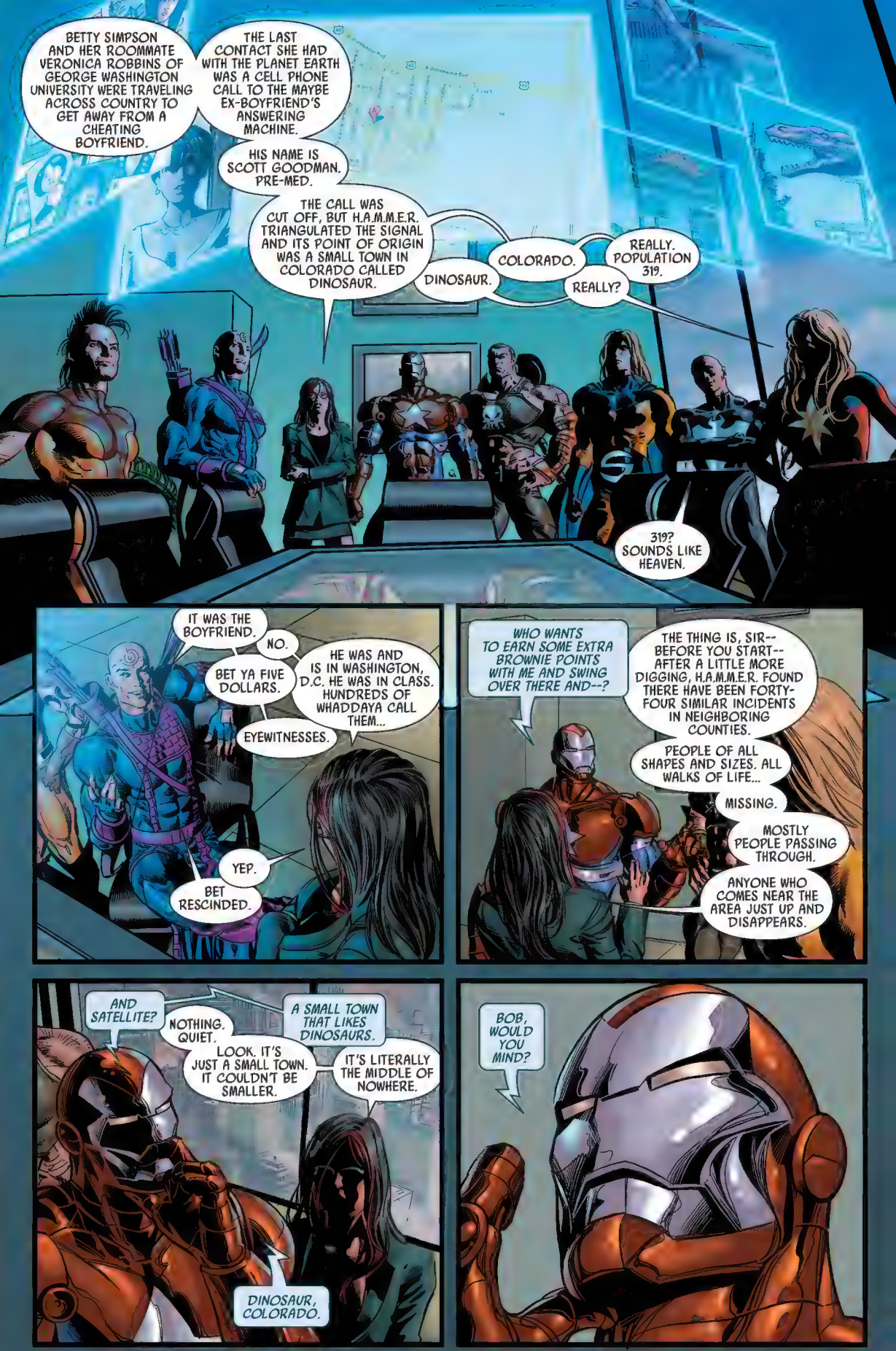
ARES. BROTHER, THAT WAS FANTASTIC.
BROTHER?
I SWEAR, I COULD WATCH YOU DO THAT ALL DAY.
WHERE'D YOU EVEN LEARN TO DO THAT?
AS A CHILD, MY FATHER WOULD THROW US IN THE CAVE OF THE GIBBON.
WE HAD TO FIGHT OUR WAY OUT. OR DIE.
COOL.
ALL MY DAD USED TO DO IS FLICK LIT CIGARETTES AT ME.
LET'S NOT GET STARTED ON FATHERS.
YOUR DAD'S KIND OF BADASS, DAKEN.
STOP TALKING.
HE IS.
THIS IS MS. MARVEL. THE TARGET IS DOWN.
SEND THE H.A.M.M.E.R. BOYS TO BAG HIM AND TAG HIM.
WHY DID WE DO THIS?
LOOK AT HIM. POOR THING.
WHAT?
NO. I MEAN, LOOK AT HIM--
YOUR MEDICATION IS WAY OFF.
TOLD YOU.
LET'S GO.
DID I MISS IT?
IT'S DONE.
WHAT WAS IT?
JUST CROSSING ONE MORE THING OFF NORMAN'S LIST.
WHERE IS OSBORN?


AVENGERS TOWER, NEXT MORNING.
OKAY, AVENGERS, WE HAVE A SITUATION.
NO.
NO?
NO, AS IN: THIS IS BULL.
YOU'VE GOT US RUNNING FULL STEAM. ALL DAY. EVERY DAY.
IT IS A BIT MUCH.
WHEN WE WERE IN THUNDERBOLTS MOUNTAIN WE DIDN'T HAVE TO WORK HALF AS HARD.
WELL, IF YOU'D LIKE TO GO BACK THERE...
DON'T THREATEN ME, GOTH GIRL.
YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING. YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I'M SAYING. YOU'RE BURNING US OUT.
WE DESERVE A BREAK. WHATEVER NONSENSE YOU'RE COOKING CAN WAIT A DAY.
THE EARTH WILL CONTINUE TO TURN.
I'M WITH HIM.
WHERE IS OSBORN?
WHY?
IS HE NEXT ON YOUR TO-DO LIST?


NO.
YOU ARE.
YOU COULDN'T EVEN COME CLOSE TO HANDLING IT.
TRY ME.
UM, I'M VERY UNCOMFORTABLE.

AND ANOTHER THING.
THIS. THIS ISN'T WORKING.
WHATEVER MEDS YOU'RE ON ARE TURNING YOU INTO A GIRL.
SEE?
STOP MAKING FUN OF ME!!
I, UH, I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN...
I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO.
WHERE IS OSBORN?
WE SHOULD BE HAVING THIS MEETING WITH OSBORN.
HE'S GOT A LOT ON HIS PLATE.
NOT JUST YOU GUYS.
YOU DON'T KNOW.
LEAVE IT BE.
NO. I CAN SMELL A LIE. ESPECIALLY ON A WOMAN.
THEY REEK WHEN THEY LIE. AND SHE'S LYING.
LISTEN TO ME, YOU STUCK UP LITTLE--!!
VICTORIA, DO NOT LET HIM GET TO YOU...

BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT HE WAS TRYING TO DO.
FOR SPORT.
SETTLE DOWN, DAKEN.
I NEED TO SPEAK TO YOU, MISTER OSBORN.
YOU ARE SPEAKING TO ME.
WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA FOR TODAY?
SIR...
EVERYTHING IS FINE, VICTORIA.
SIR...
THE AGENDA. THE LIST. WHAT'S NEXT?
UM... WELL, TWO GIRLS WENT MISSING IN COLORADO.
HOW IS THAT ON OUR AGENDA?
ONE OF THE GIRLS IS THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S DAUGHTER.
SHE'S BEEN GONE FOR TWO DAYS.
YOU DID TELL HIM TO CONTACT THE FBI AND THAT THIS IS NOT IN ANY WAY OUR DEPARTMENT?
HE'S ASKING FOR A PERSONAL FAVOR.
WONDERFUL.
SO WHAT?
SCREW 'IM.
HE CONTROLS THE COMMITTEE THAT CONTROLS OUR FINANCING.
OH, NORMAN...SAY IT ISN'T SO.
LIFTING YOUR METAL SKIRT THIS SOON IN THE GAME.
I REMEMBER NOT TOO LONG AGO YOU DOING WHATEVER WILSON FISK TOLD YOU TO.
HE WAS PAYING ME.
EXACTLY.
PUT IT UP.


BETTY SIMPSON AND HER ROOMMATE VERONICA ROBBINS OF GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY WERE TRAVELING ACROSS COUNTRY TO GET AWAY FROM A CHEATING BOYFRIEND.
THE LAST CONTACT SHE HAD WITH THE PLANET EARTH WAS A CELL PHONE CALL TO THE MAYBE EX-BOYFRIEND'S ANSWERING MACHINE.
HIS NAME IS SCOTT GOODMAN. PRE-MED.
THE CALL WAS CUT OFF, BUT H.A.M.M.E.R. TRIANGULATED THE SIGNAL AND ITS POINT OF ORIGIN WAS A SMALL TOWN IN COLORADO CALLED DINOSAUR.
DINOSAUR.
COLORADO.
REALLY?
REALLY. POPULATION 319.
319? SOUNDS LIKE HEAVEN.
IT WAS THE BOYFRIEND.
NO.
BET YA FIVE DOLLARS.
HE WAS AND IS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE WAS IN CLASS. HUNDREDS OF WHADDAYA CALL THEM...
EYEWITNESSES.
YEP.
BET RESCINDED.
WHO WANTS TO EARN SOME EXTRA BROWNIE POINTS WITH ME AND SWING OVER THERE AND--?
THE THING IS, SIR-- BEFORE YOU START-- AFTER A LITTLE MORE DIGGING, H.A.M.M.E.R. FOUND THERE HAVE BEEN FORTY-FOUR SIMILAR INCIDENTS IN NEIGHBORING COUNTIES.
PEOPLE OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES. ALL WALKS OF LIFE...
MISSING.
MOSTLY PEOPLE PASSING THROUGH.
ANYONE WHO COMES NEAR THE AREA JUST UP AND DISAPPEARS.
AND SATELLITE?
NOTHING. QUIET.
A SMALL TOWN THAT LIKES DINOSAURS.
LOOK. IT'S JUST A SMALL TOWN. IT COULDN'T BE SMALLER.
IT'S LITERALLY THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE.
DINOSAUR, COLORADO.
BOB, WOULD YOU MIND?

WELL DONE. VERY ORGANIZED.
SIR, I--
I'M OKAY, MISS HAND.
YOU LOCKED YOURSELF IN YOUR LAB FOR TWO DAYS.
I WAS WORKING.
WHY ARE YOU IN FULL BATTLE ARMOR?
I'M CALIBRATING NEW SOFTWARE.
CAN YOU TAKE OFF YOUR HELMET, PLEASE?
EVERYTHING IS FINE.
HOW SOON TILL BOB GETS THERE?
TWELVE MINUTES.
LOOK AT HIM GO.
BOB, CAN YOU HEAR ME?
YOU'RE VEERING TO THE RIGHT A LITTLE.
OH, SORRY.

HEY...
YOU STARTING WITH ME NOW, DOCTOR?
OH, AM I BOTHERING YOU?
BOTHERING? NO. I JUST DON'T TRUST YOU.
DOESN'T MEAN YOU DON'T LIKE ME.
FIRST THE ALIEN BOY, AND WHATEVER YOU DID TO HIM THAT SENT HIM RUNNING FOR THE HILLS...
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO HIM.
AND NOW ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU GIVE ME THE OLD WINK AND NOD.
OKAY. I'LL TELL YOU.
I AM IMPRESSED WITH THE NEW YOU.
I LIKE HAWKEYE. BULLSEYE'S STILL A PSYCHOTIC CREEP.
BUT YOU AS HAWKEYE. THAT IS WORKING.
YOU'VE BEEN VERY IMPRESSIVE OUT THERE.
IT'S AN ALL-NEW YOU.

I'M HERE. I THINK.
WHAT DO YOU SEE?
NOTHING. IT'S QUIET.
I'D, YOU KNOW, SAY IT'S TOO QUIET, BUT I DON'T LIKE SAYING THINGS LIKE THAT.
BUT IT IS.
WELL, FLY DOWN THERE, GIVE THOSE YOKELS A THRILL.
BE GENTLE. FRIENDLY. YOU REPRESENT US.
YES, THAT, TOO.
THERE'S NO ONE ON THE STREET.
NO ONE AT ALL?
JUST THESE DINOSAUR STATUES. THEY REALLY DO SEEM TO LIKE DINOSAURS.
IT'S SO ODD. IT DOESN'T LOOKED ABANDONED.
IT LOOKS LIVED IN.
OKAY, KNOCK ON SOME DOORS. SEE IF THEY HAVE A POLICE STATION OR...
OH, HEY, THERE'S SOMEONE.
HEY!
UH, EXCUSE ME, I'M--

HUURR!!
WHAT'S WRONG?
BOB?

BOB?
WHAT HAPPENED?
OH MY GOD.
BOB?
AVENGERS!!! ASSEMBLE!!

COLORADO TOUCHDOWN IN TEN MINUS.

UH, I'M SORRY, HOW IS THIS A GOOD IDEA?

WHAT?

I MEAN, THE SENTRY'S MORE POWERFUL THAN ALL OF US PUT TOGETHER.

I MEAN, RIGHT? I MEAN, HE'S SO POWERFUL HE'S CRAZY.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH HIM?

AND--AND-- HE JUST WENT AND--AND HE BLOWED UP.

I MEAN, WHAT CHANCE DO WE HAVE? I MEAN, HE--I MEAN, IF--

HE'S-- UGH--HE'S HAVING TROUBLE WITH THE MEDICATIONS, SIR.

WELL, THAT'S JUST GREAT.

I MEAN, YOU KNOW, AM I NUTS OR IS THIS CRAZY?

YOU'RE OFF-DUTY.

WHAT?

GET BACK ON THE SHIP. I CAN'T HAVE YOU IN THE FIELD.

OH, I DIDN'T MEAN THAT. I--

GO.

OKAY.

HE DOES HAVE A POINT.

I KNOW.

BUT WE DON'T JUST FIGHT FIGHTS WE CAN WIN.

WE CAN'T IGNORE WHAT JUST HAPPENED.

YOU'D BE AMAZED AT HOW QUICKLY I COULD.

WHEN WE GET THERE...I'LL TAKE POINT.

I CAN GO INTANGIBLE.

GOOD. YES.

YOU OKAY WITH THAT, NORMIE?

YOU OKAY WITH THAT?

EARTH TO NORMAN?

WE'RE HERE.

I AM GETTING THE FEELING THIS IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS I ABSOLUTELY *WOULD* MIND DYING OVER.

SO IF I DO DIE HERE, I'M GOING TO BE *VERY* PISSED.

KEEP IT PROFESSIONAL.

I'M SPEAKING PROFESSIONALLY. I WILL BE PROFESSIONALLY PISSED.

YOU GUYS GETTING ANYTHING UP THERE? ANY READINGS?

THIS IS HAND. NOTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

DO YOU SEE ANYONE? ANYTHING AT ALL THAT--?

THERE'S NO ONE ON THE STREET. THERE'S PLANTS.

SO THERE IS LIFE. TREES. I MEAN. THERE ARE--

WAIT, I THINK I KNOW WHAT--

UM, WHAT WAS THAT?

DID SHE-- JUST...

OSBORN, I THINK WE SHOULD RETREAT.

UM, I THINK YOU MAY BE RIGHT. I THINK WE'RE IN SOME SORT OF--

VICTORIA. COME IN...

THIS IS OSB--

AND THERE HE IS.

NORMAN OSBORN.

KING OF THE WORLD.

THAT'S SO FUNNY TO ME...

BECAUSE TO US IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF ANYTHING AT ALL.

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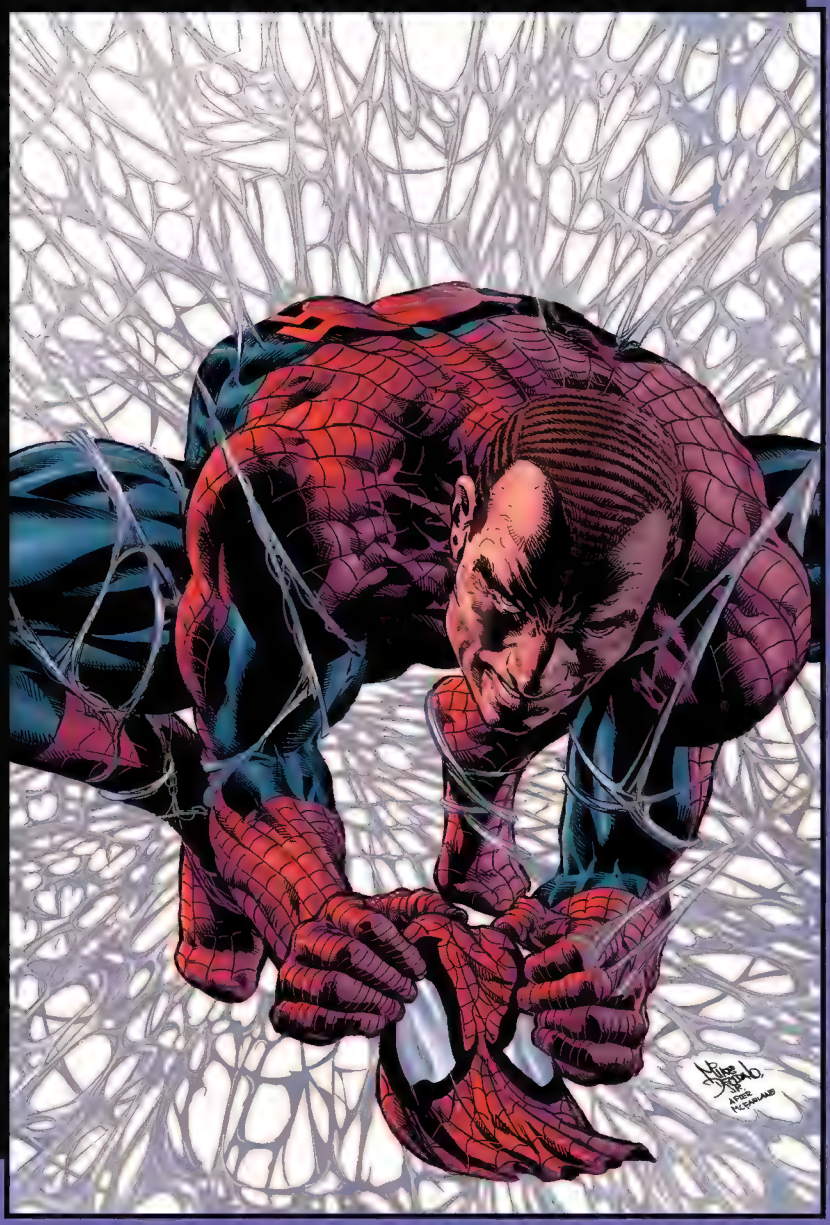

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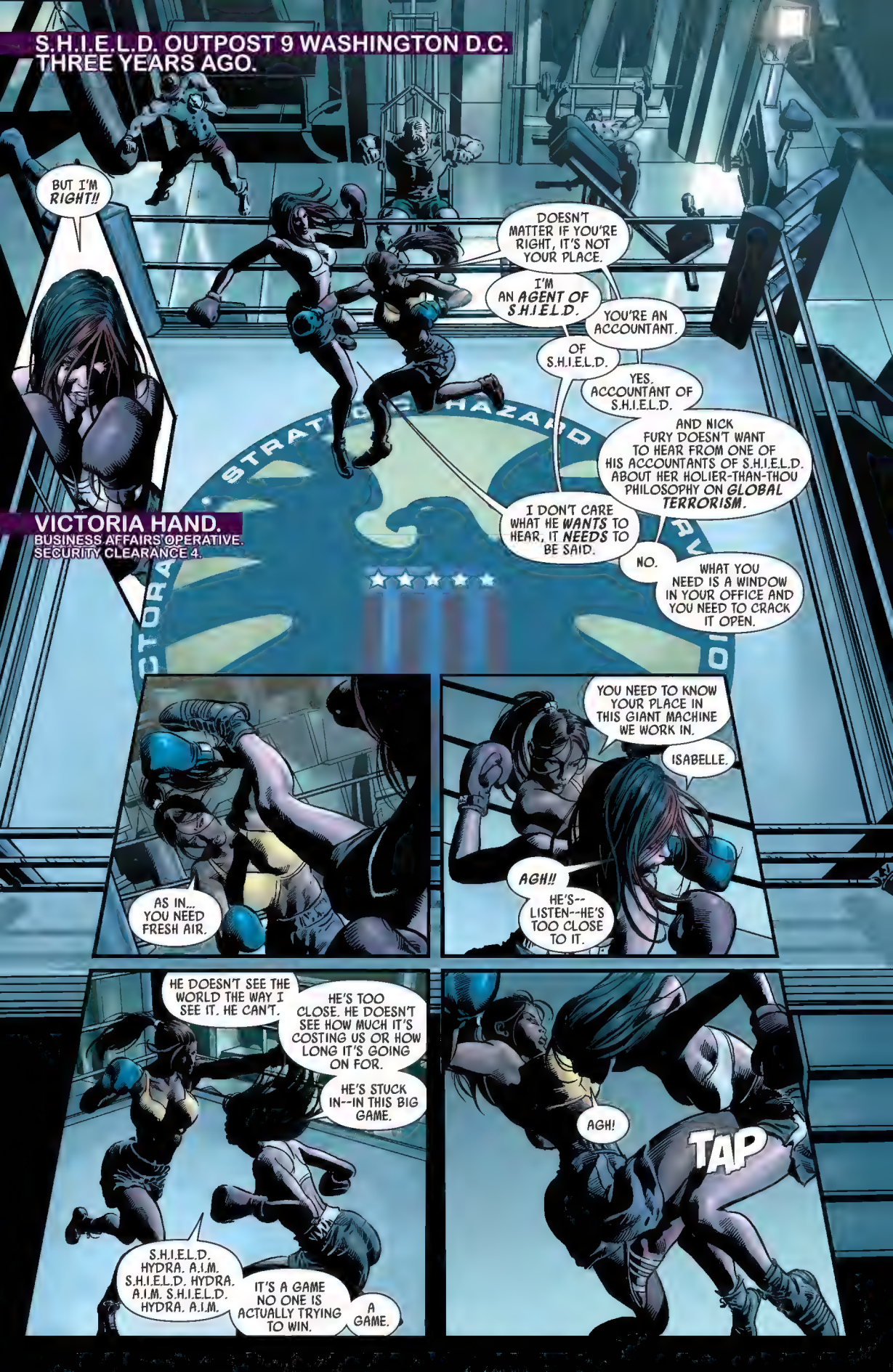

S.H.I.E.L.D. OUTPOST 9 WASHINGTON D.C.
THREE YEARS AGO.
BUT I'M RIGHT!!
DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'RE RIGHT, IT'S NOT YOUR PLACE.
I'M AN AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D.
YOU'RE AN ACCOUNTANT.
OF S.H.I.E.L.D.
YES. ACCOUNTANT OF S.H.I.E.L.D.
AND NICK FURY DOESN'T WANT TO HEAR FROM ONE OF HIS ACCOUNTANTS OF S.H.I.E.L.D. ABOUT HER HOLIER-THAN-THOU PHILOSOPHY ON GLOBAL TERRORISM.
I DON'T CARE WHAT HE WANTS TO HEAR, IT NEEDS TO BE SAID.
NO. WHAT YOU NEED IS A WINDOW IN YOUR OFFICE AND YOU NEED TO CRACK IT OPEN.
VICTORIA HAND.
BUSINESS AFFAIRS OPERATIVE.
SECURITY CLEARANCE 4.
AS IN... YOU NEED FRESH AIR.
YOU NEED TO KNOW YOUR PLACE IN THIS GIANT MACHINE WE WORK IN.
ISABELLE.
AGH!!
HE'S-- LISTEN--HE'S TOO CLOSE TO IT.
HE DOESN'T SEE THE WORLD THE WAY I SEE IT. HE CAN'T.
HE'S TOO CLOSE. HE DOESN'T SEE HOW MUCH IT'S COSTING US OR HOW LONG IT'S GOING ON FOR.
HE'S STUCK IN--IN THIS BIG GAME.
S.H.I.E.L.D. HYDRA. A.I.M. S.H.I.E.L.D. HYDRA. A.I.M. S.H.I.E.L.D. HYDRA. A.I.M.
IT'S A GAME NO ONE IS ACTUALLY TRYING TO WIN.
A GAME.
AGH!
TAP

VICTORIA. I LOVE YOU.
I DO.
I LOVE YOU TOO.
THEN LISTEN TO ME: DO NOT SEND THE LETTER.
WHY ARE YOU AN AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D.?
BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE BEST FLYING CARS.
NO JOKES. WHY ARE YOU AN AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D.?
BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN THE POSSIBILITY OF A FREE WORLD. A WORLD WITHOUT TERROR. A WORLD OF EQUALITY.
YOU'RE A PATRIOT.
I AM. I'M A HUMANIST.
SO AM I.
AND NO ONE IS SAYING YOU'RE NOT.
DON'T SEND IT.
IF I DON'T SPEAK MY MIND, I AM SAYING I'M NOT.

S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER.
FLOATING WORLD HEADQUARTERS OF THE U.N. PEACEKEEPING TASK FORCE.
1200 FEET OVER LANGLEY, VIRGINIA.
COLONEL FURY, YOU NEED TO SIGN OFF ON THE QUARTERLY BUDGET.
ONE WEEK LATER.
HAVE I EVER TOLD ANY OF YOU HOW MUCH I LOVE SIGNING OFF ON THE QUARTERLY BUDGET?
NO, SIR.
REALLY? I WONDER WHY THAT IS.
IS IT MAYBE BECAUSE YOU DON'T LOVE SIGNING OFF ON THE QUARTERLY BUDGET?
WELL DANG GUM THERE, DUM DUM, YOU'RE SOME KINDA DICK TRACY.
HUH.
"DEAR COLONEL FURY. MY NAME IS VICTORIA HAND. I'M A BUSINESS AFFAIRS AGENT WORKING UNDER YOU."
WHAT IS THAT?
"BUT I FEEL I MUST VOICE MY PERSONAL DISAPPOINTMENT IN YOUR INABILITY TO MAKE ANY FORWARD MOMENTUM IN OUR WAR AGAINST GLOBAL TERRORISM."
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?
WOW.
DO I NEED THIS?
NO SIR.
YOU'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS.
YES SIR.
I SPECIFICALLY DON'T GO ON THE INTERNET TO AVOID THINGS LIKE THIS...
YES SIR.
IT'S LIKE THE INTERNET IS STALKING ME.

WHAT IS ALL THAT?
MY STUFF.
DID--DID YOU GET FIRED???!!
TRANSFERRED.
TRANSFERRED?
WHERE?
PORTLAND, OREGON.
WHY? WHAT HAPPENED?
YOU SENT THE LETTER.
I TOLD YOU NOT TO AND NOW YOU @#$% UP OUR LIFE TOGETHER.
WE'RE DONE.
DON'T EVER CALL ME.

H.A.M.M.E.R. HELICARRIER.
FLOATING WORLD HEADQUARTERS OF THE AMERICAN PEACEKEEPING TASK FORCE.
1000 FEET OVER DINOSAUR, COLORADO.

ATTENTION ALL STATIONS!! THIS IS DEPUTY DIRECTOR VICTORIA HAND!

ALL BATTLE STATIONS ARE ORDERED TO GOLD LEVEL STANDBY!

WE ARE IN STAND-DOWN TILL FURTHER ORDERS!

NOW.

UM, THE AVENGERS ARE GONE.

YES.

THEY DISAPPEARED.

I KNOW!

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

OSBORN, THIS IS HAND. COME IN?

OSBORN, THIS IS HAND. COME IN?

ARES, THIS IS HAND. COME IN?

SHOW ME THE FOOTAGE. SHOW IT TO ME.

SCREEN 9.

WHICH ONE IS SCREEN 9?

AGAIN.

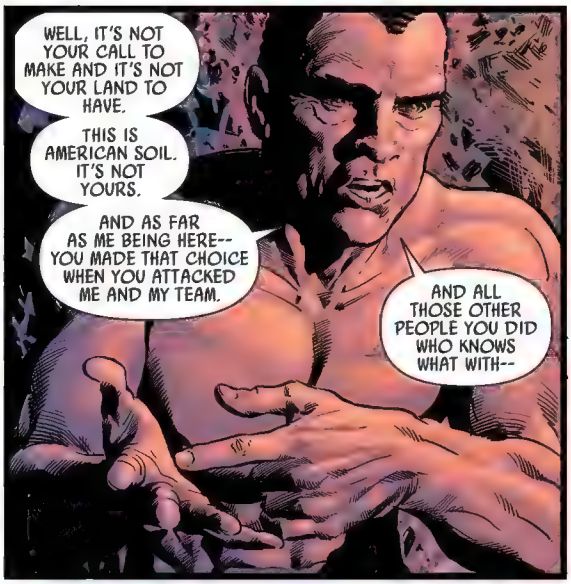
WHAT DO YOU THINK, MISS HAND?

I THINK I OWE NICK FURY A HUGE APOLOGY.

MISTER OSBORN...MY NAME IS OWEN REESE.
REED RICHARDS NAMED ME THE MOLECULE MAN.
DO YOU KNOW ME?
NO.
WE KNOW YOU, NORMAN OSBORN.
WE WATCH THE OUTSIDE WORLD VERY CLOSELY.
THE COMING AND GOINGS. THE POWER-BROKERING.
WE KNEW YOU'D COME HERE EVENTUALLY. YOU OR...SOMEONE LIKE YOU.
WHERE IS MY TEAM?
HOW ARE YOU DOING ALL THIS?
I HAVE THE ABILITY TO BREAK THE RULES OF PHYSICAL SCIENCE.
I CONTROL THE VERY MOLECULES OF THE WORLD.
WELL, THE ONES AROUND ME.
AND YOU CAME INTO *MY* WORLD. SO I CONTROL THE WORLD AROUND YOU.
WHERE AM I?
IN MY WORLD ACCORDING TO ME.
OKAY, OKAY, LET'S JUST--LET'S BACK UP HERE...
HOW CAN I HELP YOU? HOW CAN I HELP YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS?
SO, NONE OF THIS IS REAL.
MY FRIENDS?
WE'RE NOT HIS FRIENDS.
OWEN DOESN'T HAVE ANY REAL FRIENDS IN THE REAL WORLD.
THE WORLD WASN'T MADE FOR HIM.
THE FRIENDS HE DESERVES.
WE'RE THE FRIENDS HE MADE.
WE'RE THE FRIENDS HE SHOULD HAVE.
IF THE WORLD WERE A FAIR PLACE.
REAL?
TRUST ME... THIS IS AS REAL AS REAL GETS.
YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW REAL?

HEY! CUT THE CRAP.
YOU WANT TO *TALK* TO ME, YOU GIVE ME MY TEAM BACK, YOU SHOW ME THE DOOR.
YOU AND I GO OUTSIDE AND WE TALK LIKE MEN.
BUT THIS THING YOU'RE DOING HERE--YOU'RE *THREATENING* ME.
AND *THAT* IS NOT SOMETHING YOU WANT TO DO.

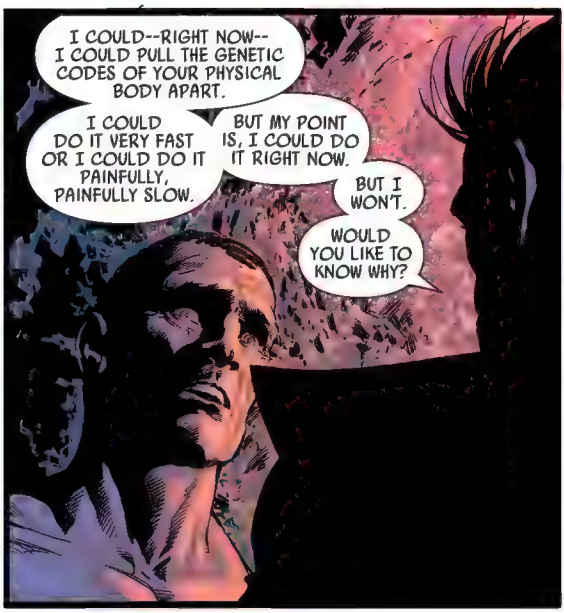
YOU'RE RIGHT.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
I *DON'T* WANT TO DO THAT.
I WANT TO BE LEFT ALONE.
I WANT THIS LITTLE PIECE OF THE WORLD AND I WANT TO BE LEFT ALONE.

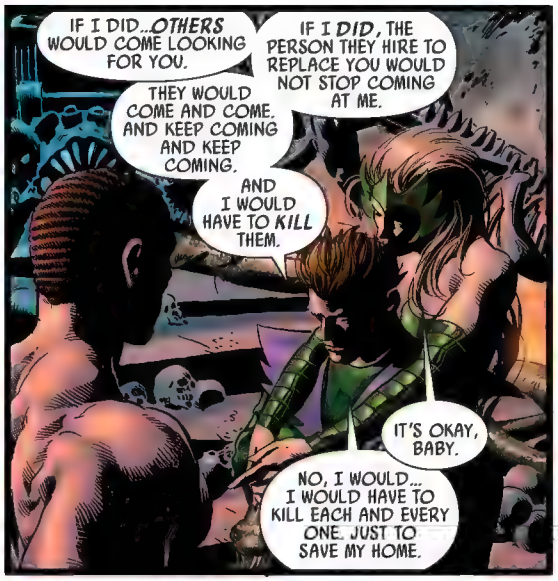

WELL, IT'S NOT YOUR CALL TO MAKE AND IT'S NOT YOUR LAND TO HAVE.
THIS IS AMERICAN SOIL. IT'S NOT YOURS.
AND AS FAR AS ME BEING HERE--YOU MADE THAT CHOICE WHEN YOU ATTACKED ME AND MY TEAM.
AND ALL THOSE OTHER PEOPLE YOU DID WHO KNOWS WHAT WITH--

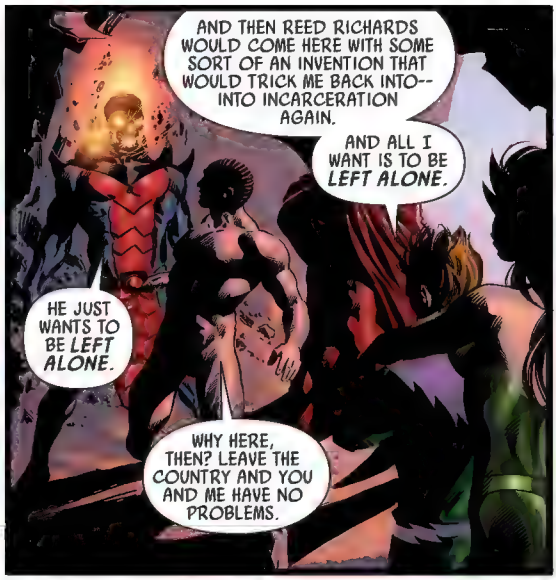
I'M *NOT* GOING TO KILL YOU, MISTER OSBORN.

UH... GOOD TO KNOW.

I'M *NOT* GOING TO KILL YOU.
BUT I *COULD*.
OKAY...
EASILY.
NOW THAT *IS* A THREAT.
IT'S NOT.


I COULD--RIGHT NOW--I COULD PULL THE GENETIC CODES OF YOUR PHYSICAL BODY APART.
I COULD DO IT VERY FAST OR I COULD DO IT PAINFULLY, PAINFULLY SLOW.
BUT MY POINT IS, I COULD DO IT RIGHT NOW.
BUT I WON'T.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW WHY?

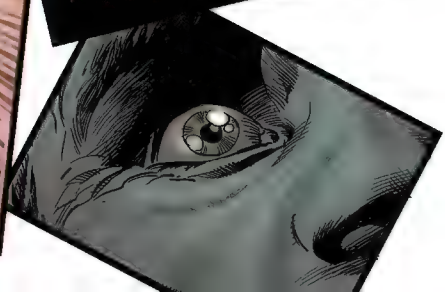

IF I DID...OTHERS WOULD COME LOOKING FOR YOU.
IF I DID, THE PERSON THEY HIRE TO REPLACE YOU WOULD NOT STOP COMING AT ME.
THEY WOULD COME AND COME. AND KEEP COMING AND KEEP COMING.
AND I WOULD HAVE TO KILL THEM.
IT'S OKAY, BABY.
NO, I WOULD... I WOULD HAVE TO KILL EACH AND EVERY ONE. JUST TO SAVE MY HOME.


AND THEN REED RICHARDS WOULD COME HERE WITH SOME SORT OF AN INVENTION THAT WOULD TRICK ME BACK INTO-- INTO INCARCERATION AGAIN.
AND ALL I WANT IS TO BE LEFT ALONE.
HE JUST WANTS TO BE LEFT ALONE.
WHY HERE, THEN? LEAVE THE COUNTRY AND YOU AND ME HAVE NO PROBLEMS.

BECAUSE THIS IS MINE!
THIS IS MY LIFE. AND THIS IS WHERE I WANT TO LIVE IT. I GREW UP HERE.

THEN I NEED MY TEAM, AND I NEED ALL THE PEOPLE YOU SENT MISSING. THE GIRLS.
I WAS UNTIL YOU TOLD ME YOU WEREN'T GOING TO KILL ME.
YOU'RE NOT SCARED OF ME.
KILLING IS EASY.

THERE'S OTHER THINGS.



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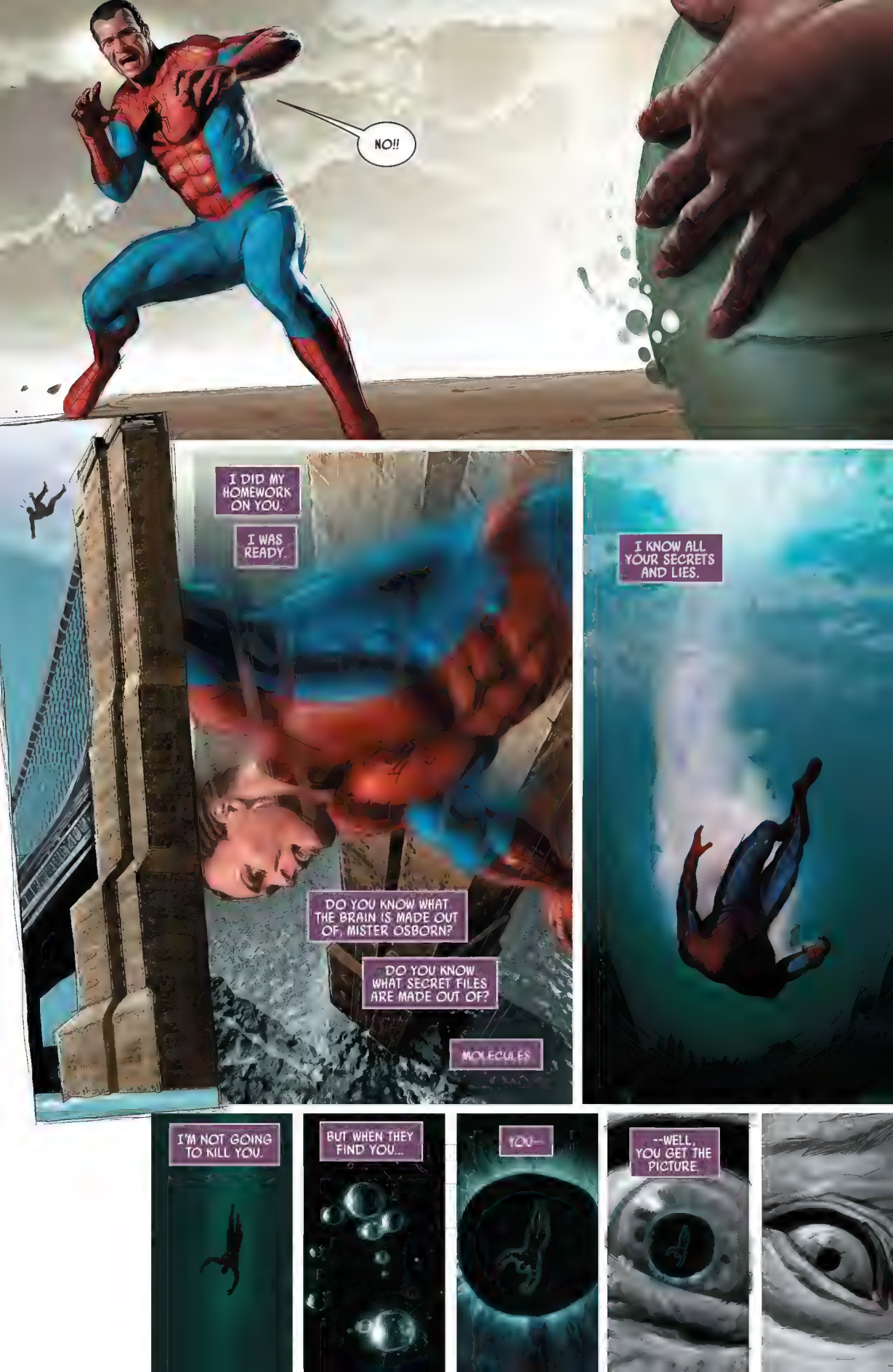
NO!!
I DID MY HOMEWORK ON YOU.
I WAS READY.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE BRAIN IS MADE OUT OF, MISTER OSBORN?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT SECRET FILES ARE MADE OUT OF?
MOLECULES
I KNOW ALL YOUR SECRETS AND LIES.
I'M NOT GOING TO KILL YOU.
BUT WHEN THEY FIND YOU...
YOU--
--WELL, YOU GET THE PICTURE.

THE ONLY THING ABOUT YOU I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS...
HOW LONG DID YOU THINK YOU WERE GOING TO HAVE THIS JOB, ANYHOW?
EVERYBODY WANTS YOU TO FAIL.
EVEN THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ROOTING FOR YOU--SECRETLY, THEY KNOW WHAT YOU ARE AND THEY KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU....
THEY'RE JUST WAITING! WHEN WILL HE SNAP?
WELL, FOR MY PURPOSES, I CAN'T WAIT. THE SOONER THE BETTER.
AND IF I CAN HELP IT ALONG...ALL THE BETTER.
BUT I'M NOT GOING TO KILL YOU...

EVERYONE!! HEY!!
EVERYONE. JUST. CALM. DOWN.
WE NEED TO SEND IN AN AIR ASSAULT ON THE ENTIRE--
NO.
WELL, WE CAN'T DO NOTHING!
YOU WERE NOT TRAINED TO PANIC AT THE FIRST SIGN OF TROUBLE.
IF THAT CONCERNS YOU, THEN YOU MAY LEAVE MY BRIDGE!
HEY!! I'M DEPUTY DIRECTOR! ME!
THAT MEANS I'M IN CHARGE HERE!
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT...WE HAVE TO LAUNCH AN ATTACK.
NOW.
ALL HE WAS SAYING--AND YOU NEED TO HEAR HIM--IS THE SHEER POWER LEVEL OF THESE AVENGERS--
WHATEVER IS DOWN THERE...WHATEVER IT IS...IT GOT RID OF THEM LIKE THAT.
BECAUSE IF THAT THING DID THAT TO THEM, WHAT CHANCE--WHAT CHANCE DO ANY OF US HAVE?!
I'M WORKING ON IT.

AGH!
OH GOD...
UGGHH!!
WHO ARE YOU?
WHO ARE YOU?
I'M OWEN.
I'M BOBBY.
I KNOW YOU'RE BOB REYNOLDS. I KNOW YOU'RE THE SENTRY... BUT WHO ARE YOU? WHAT ARE YOU MADE OF, BOBBY?
ARE--NNN--ARE YOU DOING THIS TO ME?
I'VE TASTED EVERY MOLECULE IN THE WORLD.
BUT I'VE NEVER TASTED ANYTHING LIKE YOU.
TASTED?
EXPERIENCED.
COULD YOU STOP THIS? PLEASE. PLEASE...
YOU'LL HURT ME IF I LET YOU GO.
I--NO. I WON'T.
YOU WILL.
NORMAN OSBORN TOLD YOU TO.
I'M SORRY.

WE COULD HAVE BEEN FRIENDS.

GUH!!
GUH!!
HELP! SOMEBODY HELP ME!
GUYS?!?! NORMAN?!?!
OH, NO... OW!!
AARRGGHH!!
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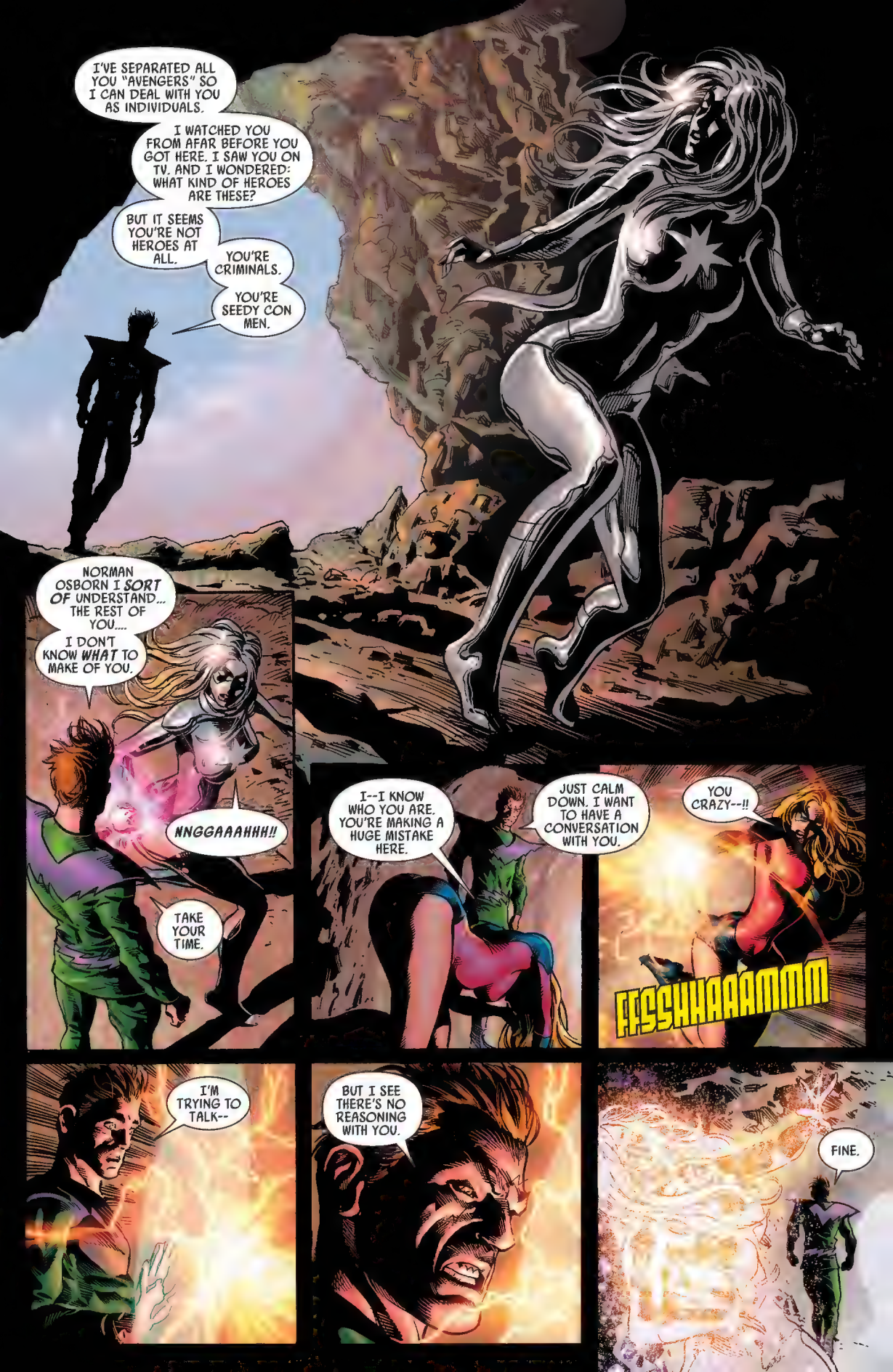

I'VE SEPARATED ALL YOU "AVENGERS" SO I CAN DEAL WITH YOU AS INDIVIDUALS.
I WATCHED YOU FROM AFAR BEFORE YOU GOT HERE. I SAW YOU ON TV. AND I WONDERED: WHAT KIND OF HEROES ARE THESE?
BUT IT SEEMS YOU'RE NOT HEROES AT ALL.
YOU'RE CRIMINALS.
YOU'RE SEEDY CON MEN.
NORMAN OSBORN I SORT OF UNDERSTAND... THE REST OF YOU.... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO MAKE OF YOU.
NNGGAAAHHH!!
TAKE YOUR TIME.
I--I KNOW WHO YOU ARE. YOU'RE MAKING A HUGE MISTAKE HERE.
JUST CALM DOWN. I WANT TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH YOU.
YOU CRAZY--!!
FFSSHHAAAMMM
I'M TRYING TO TALK--
BUT I SEE THERE'S NO REASONING WITH YOU.
FINE.

WOLVERINE'S SON.
'MGONNA KILL YOU!!
AND YOU'RE FIGHTING AGAINST ME. HOW ARE YOU EVEN--?
OH, YOU HAVE A HEALING FACTOR. YES, I HAD THE SAME PROBLEM WITH YOUR FATHER.
HE ALWAYS FOUND A WAY TO FIGHT PAST ME.
RRRR!!!

YOU KNOW, ARES, GOD OF WAR...
I THINK WE'VE RUN INTO EACH OTHER BEFORE, NOW THAT I GET A CLOSER LOOK.
BUT THAT'S NEITHER HERE NOR THERE.
WHAT'S IMPORTANT HERE IS I HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO WITH YOU.
I HAVE TO SEND AT LEAST MOST OF YOU BACK TO THE WORLD IN A WAY THAT STOPS YOU AND GUARANTEES THEY SEND NO ONE ELSE.
IF I SEND YOU BACK LIKE THIS, THEY'LL JUST SEND IN REED RICHARDS.
THIS IS A CHANCE TO NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKES AGAIN.
THIS IS A CHANCE TO--TO BE SMARTER.
I CAN BE SMARTER... I CAN.
YOU SHOULD RUN AWAY.
THEY'D NEVER FIND YOU.
I DON'T WANT TO.
THESE AREN'T SUPER HEROES. THEY'RE MURDERERS.
THEY'LL KILL YOU IF THEY CAN.
IF YOU GIVE THEM A CHANCE.
I KNOW, I KNOW.
DID YOU SEE THE ONE THEY CALL HAWKEYE?

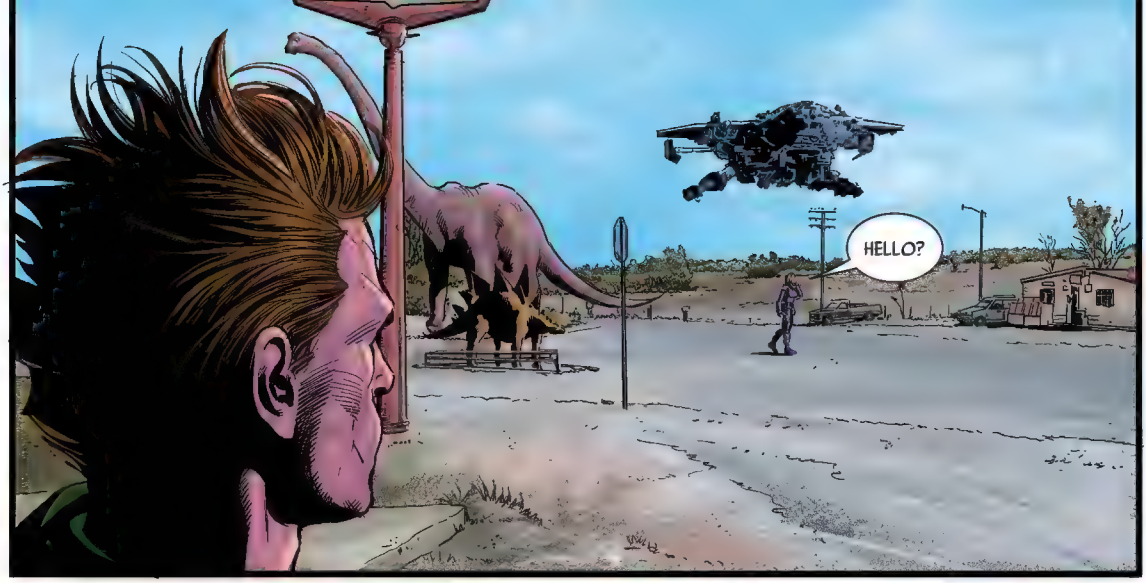
YOU TURNED HIM INTO WATER.
I THOUGHT IT WAS A GENTLE WAY TO SUBDUE HIM.
BUT WATCH.

HA!
THAT IS ANGRY WATER.

HE'S A FIGHTER.
HE'S A KILLER.
YOU SHOULD DRINK IT.
YES.
NO. YOU SHOULD KILL THEM ALL AND RUN AWAY.

NO!! NO!!
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU WANT TO BE FOUND, OWEN.
WHAT?
YOU WANT TO FAIL. YOU KILLED ALL THOSE PEOPLE.
YOU'RE ALMOST BEGGING TO BE FOUND HERE.
WHAT DID YOU THINK WOULD HAPPEN??

NO. NO. I WAS PROTECTING MY HOME.
YOU DID THIS.
HELLO?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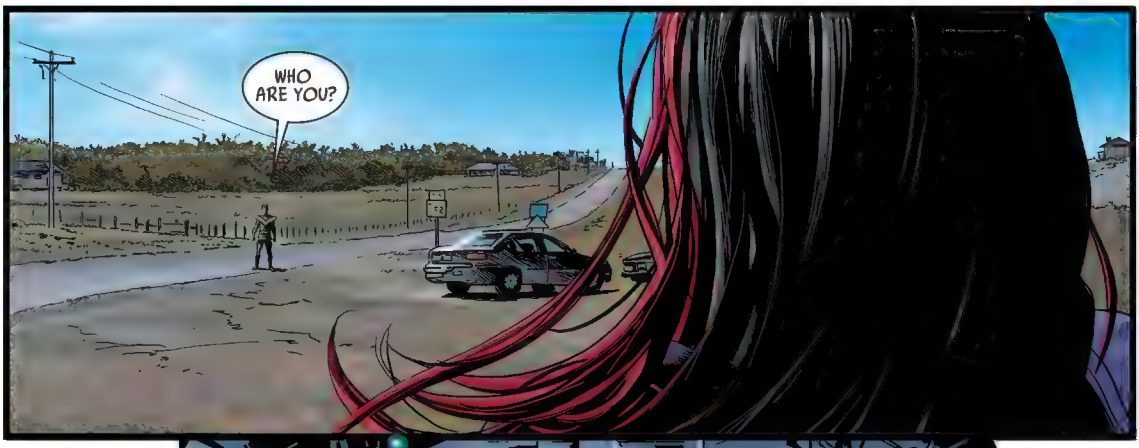
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MY NAME IS VICTORIA HAND.
ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA...WE SURRENDER.
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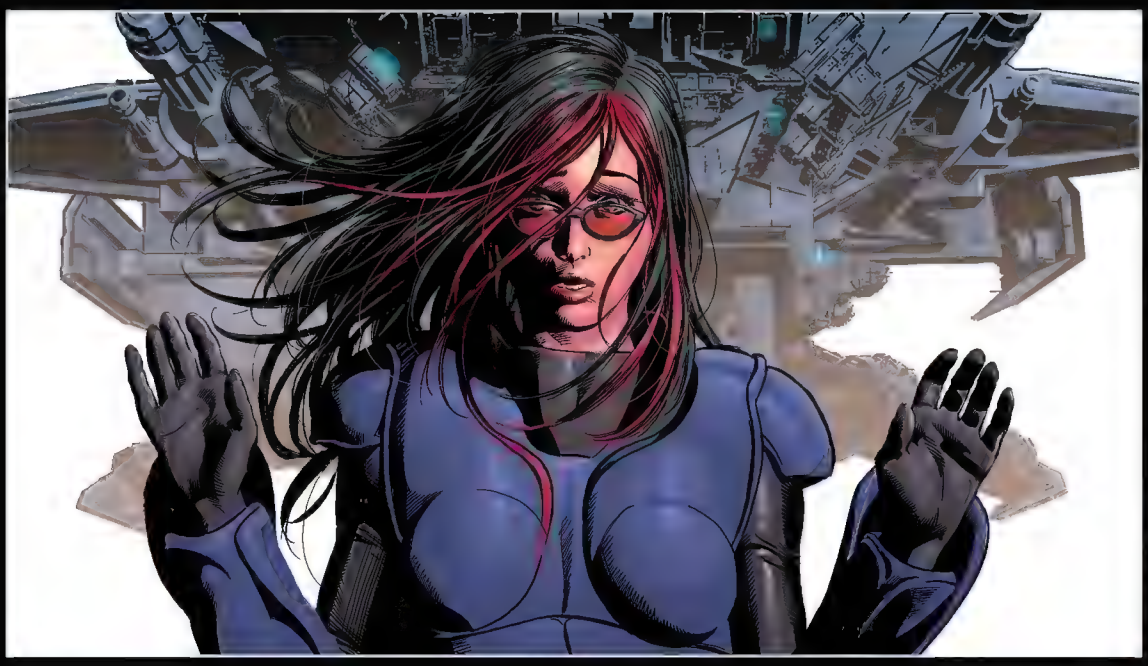

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NORMAN IS ALSO TRYING TO HELP THE POWERFUL SENTRY DEAL WITH HIS DEMONS WHILE HE CONTINUES TO DEAL WITH HIS OWN.

THEIR LATEST MISSION HAS TAKEN THEM TO DINOSAUR, COLORADO, ON THE TRAIL OF A MISSING POLITICIAN'S DAUGHTER, WHERE NORMAN HAS COME FACE TO FACE WITH THE INSANELY POWERFUL TEAM OF MOLECULE MAN, THE BEYONDER, THE ENCHANTRESS, MEPHISTO AND ZARATHOS...

WITH IRON PATRIOT AND THE REST OF THE DARK AVENGERS SEEMINGLY DEFEATED, OSBORN'S DEPUTY VICTORIA HAND...SURRENDERS.

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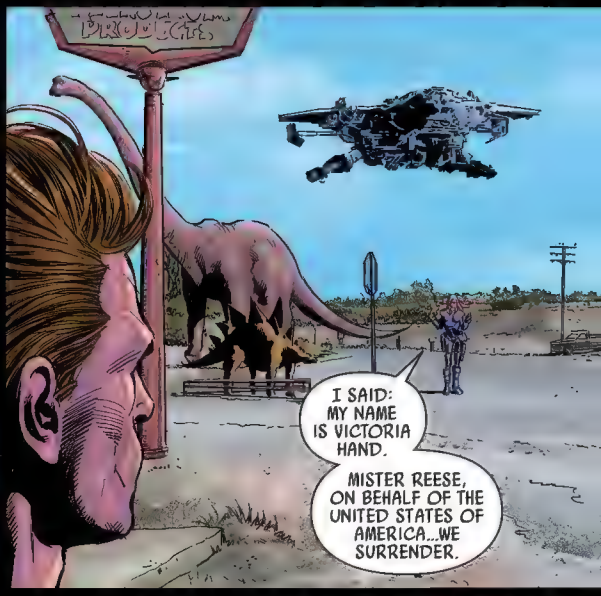
NO! NO!
I'M NORMAN OSBORN!
NORMAN OSBORN!
STOP! I DEMAND IT!
STOP!

I'M NORMAN OSBORN!

I'M NORMAN...
OSBORN...

DINOSAUR, COLORADO.
I'M SORRY?


PROJECTS
I SAID: MY NAME IS VICTORIA HAND.
MISTER REESE, ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA...WE SURRENDER.

YOU SURRENDER.
TO ME.

YES. NO ONE IS GOING TO *FIGHT YOU*. NO ONE *WANTS* TO FIGHT YOU.
YOU'RE OWEN REESE, RIGHT?

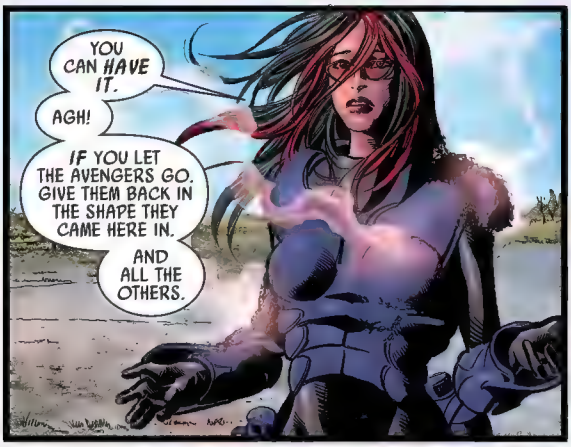
YES.

WELL, YOU'RE THE MOLECULE MAN.
WE HAVE NO WAY TO FIGHT A MAN WHO CAN CONTROL THE MOLECULES AROUND HIM.
WE CAN'T DO IT.
YOU JUST TOOK DOWN THE AVENGERS. AND YOU DID IT PRETTY QUICKLY.
THAT WAS IT. THAT WAS ALL WE HAD.
SO, YEAH, WE SURRENDER.

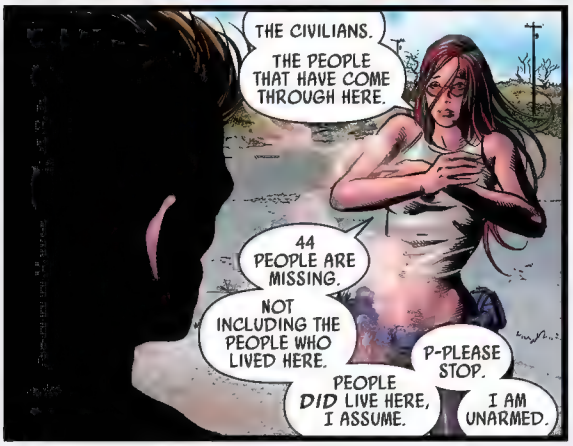
SHE MAKES SENSE.
SHE'S LYING. ELIMINATE HER NOW BEFORE SHE CAN HATCH HER PLAN.
WH-WHO ARE OUR FRIENDS?
WHAT PLAN? SHE HAS NO PLAN!
TAKE THE WORLD. NOW!
IT'S YOURS TO HAVE.
I DON'T WANT THE WORLD. I WANT HERE.

THEY'RE MY FRIENDS.
IF YOU'D-- MAYBE IF YOU TOLD ME WHAT IT IS YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, WHAT IT IS YOU WANT...
WE'LL BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE IT FOR YOU IN A PEACEFUL ACCORD.
I WANT TO BE LEFT ALONE.
HERE.
OKAY.
BUT, UH, WHY HERE?

I WAS BORN HERE. THIS IS MY HOME.
I WANT IT.
KILL HER!!


YOU CAN HAVE IT.
AGH!
IF YOU LET THE AVENGERS GO, GIVE THEM BACK IN THE SHAPE THEY CAME HERE IN.
AND ALL THE OTHERS.

WHAT OTHERS?


THE CIVILIANS.
THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE COME THROUGH HERE.
44 PEOPLE ARE MISSING.
NOT INCLUDING THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED HERE.
P-PLEASE STOP.
PEOPLE DID LIVE HERE, I ASSUME.
I AM UNARMED.

44 PEOPLE.

WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

GIVE THEM BACK. AS A GESTURE.

ARE THEY--ARE THEY DEAD?

DO THE RIGHT THING AND WE'LL DO THE RIGHT THING BY YOU.

I SWEAR, OWEN.

I DON'T THINK THAT'S *TRUE*.

I *THINK* YOU'RE GOING TO TRY TO DESTROY ME.

I'M NOT.

THAT'S ALWAYS WHAT HAPPENS.

AND--AND HAS ANYONE EVER BEEN ABLE TO?

NO.

WELL THEN--THEN LESSON LEARNED BY ALL PARTIES.

BUT IF YOU DON'T PUT EVERYTHING BACK--IF YOU DON'T MAKE IT RIGHT--

THEY WILL--THEY WILL *NUKE* THIS COUNTRYSIDE OR *WORSE*.

I WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP IT.

AND--AND MAYBE YOU'LL SURVIVE, AND MAYBE YOU WON'T.

BUT THIS LAND WILL BE GONE. OR DAMAGED.

THE FIGHT WILL CONTINUE. AND NEITHER I NOR NORMAN OSBORN NOR ANYONE WILL BE ABLE TO STOP IT.

SO ACCEPT MY SURRENDER...AND--AND WE CAN WORK THIS OUT QUICKLY.

SHE MAKES SENSE.

SHE'S LYING.

SKIN HER.

BONUS
POSS
PERIOD
HOME
VISITOR
AGH!

AS PROMISED.
GUH!!
GAASAUUGGH!!!
WH-WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?!?!
WHAT DID YOU DO?!!
I TOLD YOU... I REARRANGED A COUPLE OF THE MOLECULES IN HIS BRAIN.
WHAT?!?!
JUST A COUPLE.
THAT'S ALL IT TAKES, (REALLY.)
PUT THEM BACK.
I DID.
WHETHER HE HAS THE CAPACITY TO PULL HIMSELF TOGETHER IS HIS CONCERN.
I CAN'T BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING.
I TOLD YOU!
NO OSBORN-- NO DEAL!
AND I TOLD YOU, I AGREE.
YOU PEOPLE ATTACKED US. NOT THEMRRR.
WHAT ARE YOU--

I HAVE THIS.

NORMAN?
NORMAN, PLEASE WAKE UP!
PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME TOUCH YOUR NAKEDNESS.
YOU'RE IN MY WORLD, SENTRY!

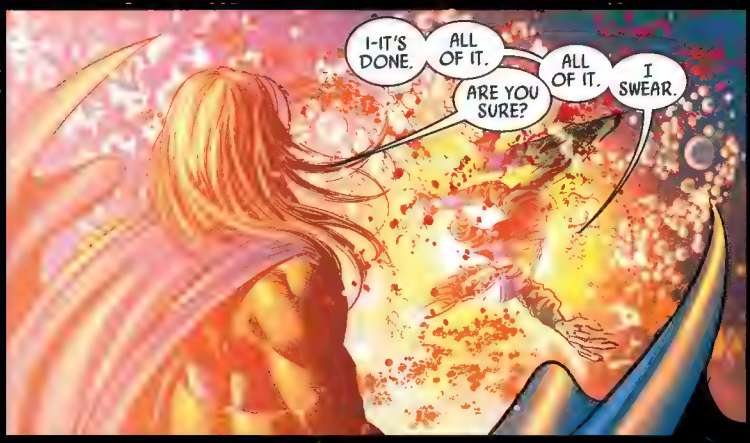
OH, MY GOD! I DO NOT WANT TO DIE LIKE THIS AT ALL.
NORMAN, SHAKE IT OFF AND TAKE THE LEAD.
HELICARRIER, THIS IS HAND. CHANGE OF PLANS!!
RETREAT!
I REPEAT: THIS IS VICTORIA HAND CALLING FOR A FULL RETREAT!
THEY CAN'T HEAR ME.

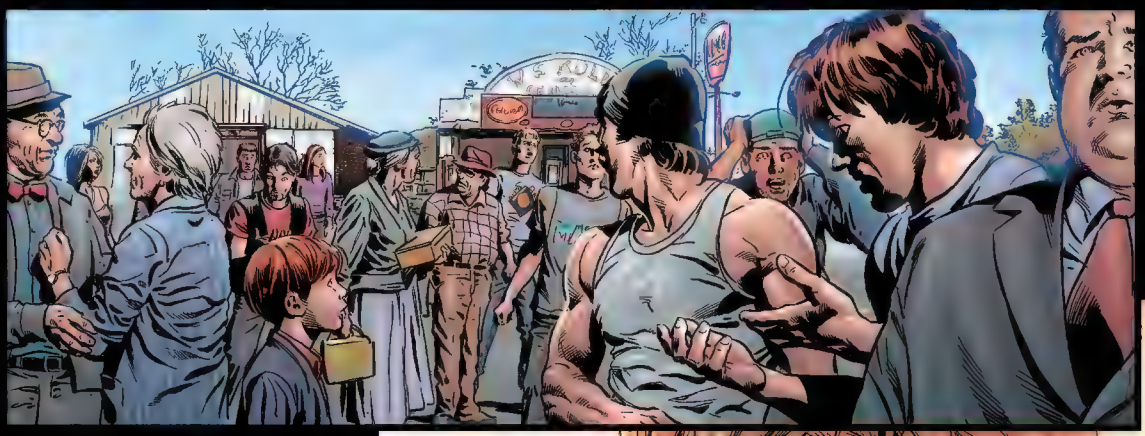
SPLASH
SPLASH
YOU LIARS!
RRR-- YOU CAN'T--
I TRIED TO STALL THE GUY WITH A FAKE SURRENDER AND NOW IT'S ALL--
TELL THEM-- TELL THEM TO STAND DOWN.
OH, THANK GOD YOU'RE YOU AGAIN.
TELL THEM TO RUN.
I--I DID. THEY CAN'T HEAR US.
WE ONLY HAVE ONE SHOT.

LISTEN TO ME, OWEN...
IF YOU SHOW ME HOW TO PUT EVERYTHING BACK THE WAY IT WAS... I WILL SPARE YOUR LIFE.
YOU HAVE THE EXPERIENCE WITH THIS THAT I DO NOT.

HOW ARE YOU DOING THIS TO ME?!?!
I CONTROL THE MOLECULES!
I DO!

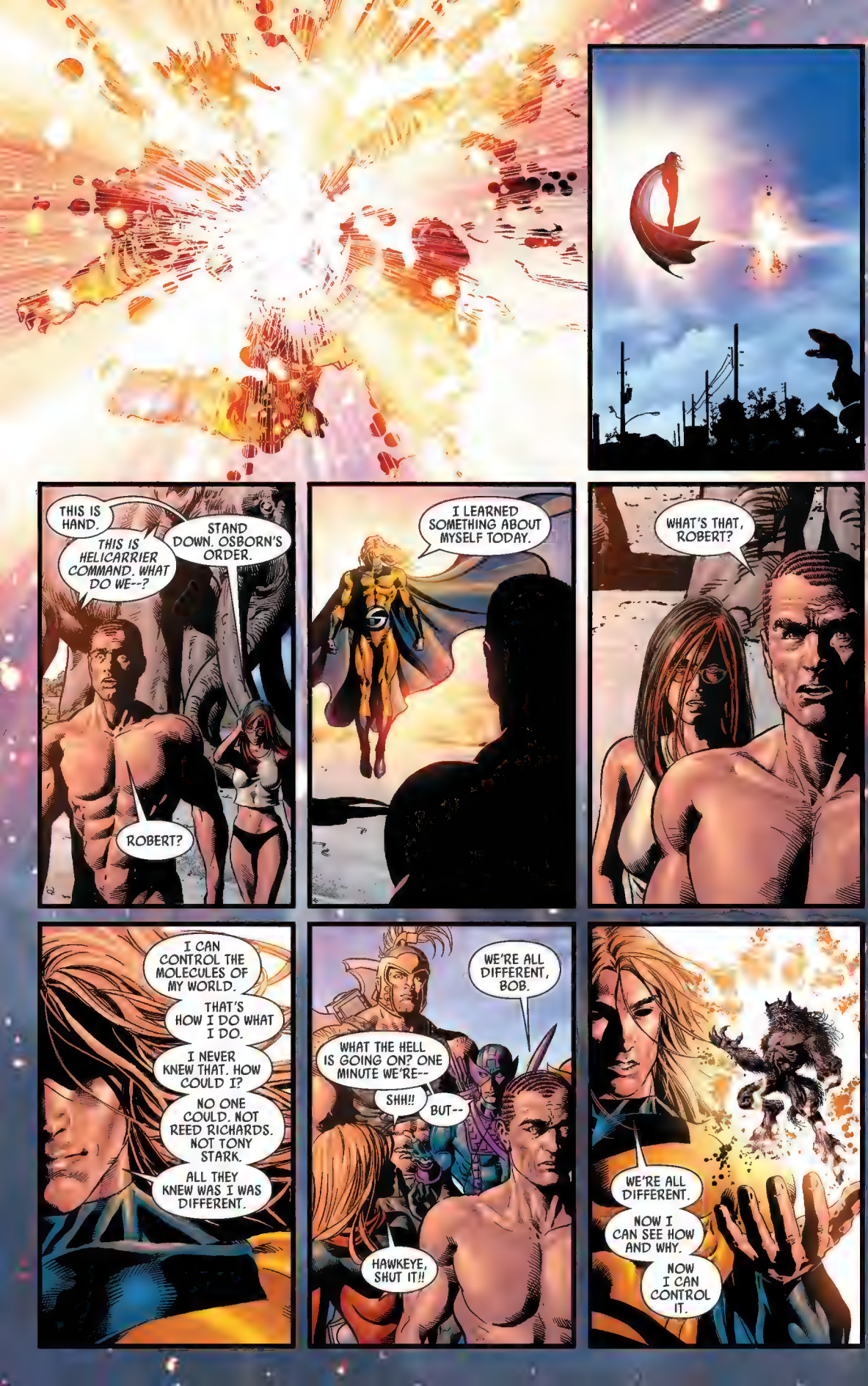
PUT EVERYTHING BACK.


I-IT'S DONE.
ALL OF IT.
ARE YOU SURE?
ALL OF IT.
I SWEAR.



NURURAAGGH!!

THEN GO AWAY.


THIS IS HAND.
THIS IS HELICARRIER COMMAND. WHAT DO WE--?
STAND DOWN. OSBORN'S ORDER.
ROBERT?
I LEARNED SOMETHING ABOUT MYSELF TODAY.
WHAT'S THAT, ROBERT?
I CAN CONTROL THE MOLECULES OF MY WORLD.
THAT'S HOW I DO WHAT I DO.
I NEVER KNEW THAT. HOW COULD I?
NO ONE COULD. NOT REED RICHARDS. NOT TONY STARK.
ALL THEY KNEW WAS I WAS DIFFERENT.
WE'RE ALL DIFFERENT, BOB.
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON? ONE MINUTE WE'RE--
SHH!!
BUT--
HAWKEYE, SHUT IT!!
WE'RE ALL DIFFERENT.
NOW I CAN SEE HOW AND WHY.
NOW I CAN CONTROL IT.

AND TODAY WE LEARNED--WE LEARNED YOU SHOULDN'T PLAY WITH THINGS THAT DON'T BELONG TO YOU.

YOU DON'T WANT TO END UP LIKE OWEN REESE, DO YOU?

NOT KNOWING WHAT'S REAL AND WHAT'S NOT.

NOT HAVING FRIENDS.

BUT YOU'RE MY FRIEND.

I AM.

YOU'RE SCARED OF ME.

I DON'T WANT TO BE, BOB. I WANT TO BE IN AWE OF YOU.

LIKE I AM EVERY DAY.

I CANNOT DIE.

YOU SAY IT LIKE IT'S A BAD THING.

ROBERT. HOW ABOUT YOU AND I TALK.

NOT AS AVENGERS. NOT AS MS. MARVEL AND SENTRY.

BUT AS DOCTOR AND PATIENT.

I'M A PSYCHOLOGIST. AND I *SPECIALIZE* IN WHAT MAKES PEOPLE LIKE US...SPECIAL.

WE SHOULD TALK THIS OUT.

UM, OKAY.

TODAY, THOUGH...I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR SAVING US.

I SAVED YOU?

BOB?

I'M, UH, I'M GOING TO FLY HOME.

UM... GREAT IDEA.

YOU'RE WELCOME.

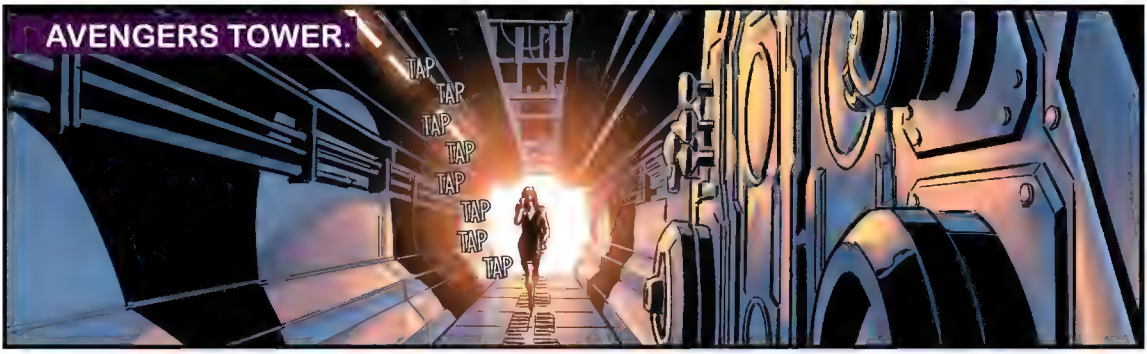
I WAS GOING TO SAY THANK YOU.

YOU GOT YOURSELF A WHOPPER OF A PROBLEM THERE, MISTER.

I KNOW.

DID YOU READ ABOUT THE SCARLET WITCH? DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HER?

THAT...WAS NOTHING.


AVENGERS TOWER.
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP

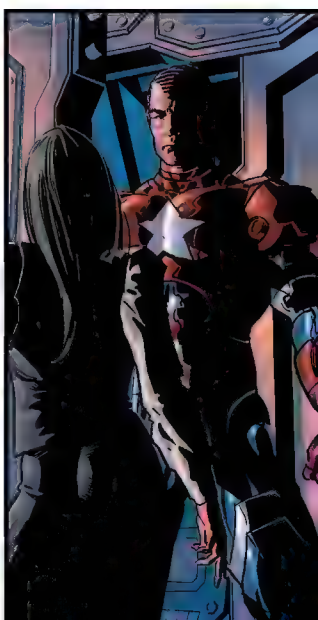
BEEP
VOICE IDENTIFICATION.
VICTORIA HAND.

DOOR ACCESS DENIED.
ACCESS DE--?
DIRECTOR OSBORN? SIR?

I WOULD LIKE TO BE ALONE FOR A FEW MINUTES, MISS HAND. IT'S BEEN A DAY.
I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT TODAY.
I HAVE THE SENTRY THING UNDER CONTROL.
NOT HIM. YOU.
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU OUT THERE?

HE GOT THE UPPER HAND ON ME. I'M OKAY.
SIR, WITH YOUR HISTORY, I WORRY ABOUT--
MISS HAND--
NO.

YOU LET ME FINISH MY SENTENCE OR I'M GONE.
I'M NOT YOUR PUPPET. YOU LISTEN!
YOU HAVE A SEVERE HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS! SEVERE!
AND YOU JUST HAD SOMEONE POKE AT YOUR BRAIN WITH A STICK.
YOU NEED TO GET YOURSELF CHECKED. YOU NEED AN EXPERT MEDICAL EVALUATION.
OR...YOU ARE, SIMPLY, NOT FIT TO HOLD YOUR POST.



SIR...?
YOU...
...ARE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT.
SET IT UP. THE BEST WE HAVE.
BUT NOT MOONSTONE.
YOU SAID THE BEST WE HAVE.
FUNNY.
SET IT UP FOR TOMORROW.
I LIKE THE MOXIE. THANK YOU.

NN!!
WHYYYYY?!?!
WHY WON'T THIS FACE COME OFF?!?!
NO... NO.
STOP. STOP.
DO THIS...DO IT...
STOP.

DON'T LET THEM SEE YOU...

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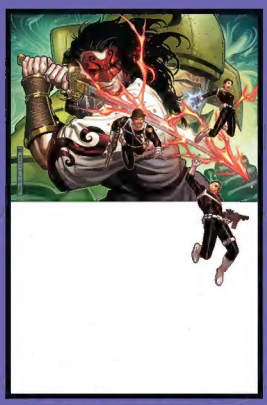

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